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The Weather.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 12.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 11 7 feet

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, fair; warmer; southerly winds.

For South Carolina, fair; warmer in the interior; easterly to southerly winds.

OUTLINES.

The news of the assassination of Maceo was received with horror by Congressmen who learned of it, and it is probable that resolutions of inquiry on the subject will be introduced in Congress. —— One account of the death of Gen. Maceo states that he was betrayed into the hands of the Spaniards and brutally assassinated, Dr. Zertucha, his physician, being implicated in the plot; another account is that Gen. Maceo and his staff, in response to a letter from the Marquis of Ahumeda asking for a conference, went to the place appointed, where they were surrounded by Spanish soldiers, and upon their refusal to surrender were shot down. —— The death sentence of Alonzo Walling, convicted of the murder of Pearl Bryan, has been affirmed by the Kentucky Court of Appeals. —— Ex-Congressman John M. Brower, of Mount Airy, N. C., Republican, will enter the race for U. S. Senator. —— The Cuban Junta in New York has received information to the effect that the death of Maceo and his staff was brought about by a combination between Marquis Ahumeda and Dr. Zertucha. —— Cubans in Havana do not believe that Maceo is dead, the evidence being too weak and Dr. Zertucha's testimony showing too many contradictions; among the Spanish the sentiment is divided. —— Passengers on the steamer Olivette, which arrived at Key West from Havana last night, claim there is absolutely no truth in the report of Maceo's death; a committee will be sent to Havana to get at the truth of the report. —— At Woodstock, W. Va., an attempt to lynch a man was foiled by the sheriff escaping through a window of the jail with the prisoner. —— Spanish citizens of Tampa celebrated the death of Maceo, and hostile demonstrations by the Cubans were prevented by the police. —— The statement that ex Minister Michelana's attack on the Venezuela treaty was a political move directed against President Crespo has been confirmed by dispatches received from Caracas. —— New York markets: Money on call offered at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet; middling gulf —c, middling 7¾c; Southern flour dull, easy and unchanged—common to fair ex ra $3 05@3 60, good to choice $3 60@3 90; wheat—spot dull and firmer; ungraded red 80@93½c; corn, spot dull and firm; No. 2 29c at elevator and 30c afloat; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1 82½; spirits turpentine quiet at 27@27¾c.

Over 7,000 cities and towns in the North, East and West are now connected by telephone, and can "hello" all around the circuit.

Hon. Tom Watson hasn't cooled down yet. The more he thinks about it the hotter he gets. Hon. Marion Butler seems to be his special aversion. Among the pointed and barbed epithets he hurls at him from his Georgia sanctum are, "liar," "traitor," etc.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Democratic party was pronounced dead after the last election, there was an Indianapolis, Ind., preacher who was mean enough to climb into his pulpit last Sunday and jump on the corpse. Some men never learn how to behave themselves at a funeral.

An Italian claims to have invented an apparatus which will enable one to remain under water for eighteen hours. With a combination of this apparatus and the water bicycle, which is said to be a success, couldn't a fellow have a nice time taking spins down at the bottom on hot days?

Senator Hill is not "in the hands of his friends just now." For several days he has been in the hands of a dentist, who has been working on his molars. Unless he is different from most people; he is not in a frame of mind to regard the dentist as one of his friends.

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Among his claims for re-election and as proof that he hasn't snapped much in Washington Senator Peffer informs his constituents that he has presented 306 petitions, introduced 202 bills and joint resolutions, submitted 87 reports, offered 63 concurrent motions and resolutions, proposed 94 amendments and clinched all this with 437 speeches. A man who makes that many speeches ought to be left at home until he breaks himself of the habit.

A New York man a few evenings ago saw a meteor whiz downward and plunge into L. I. Sound. He describes it as very brilliant, about 50 feet in diameter, with a tail about 35 feet long. Short tail for so much meteor. But that's his tale. He thinks it must have weighed 1,500 tons, from the chug it made.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE—Proposals.
S. W. SANDERS—Hams.
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NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

WANTED—A cook.
J. H. CHADBOURN—Notice.
THEATRICAL—To amateurs.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. W. O. Shannon, N. C., was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Miss Agnes Foy, of Newbern, is in the city, visiting Miss Abbie Chadbourn.

— Mrs. E. K. Bryan and child, of Savannah, Ga., were arrivals in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. Joe Foy, of Scott's Hill, was in the city yesterday, returning to Scott's Hill at 3 p. m.

— Mrs. E. R. Aiken, of Greenville, N. C., is in the city visiting her father, Mr. C. W. Westbrook.

— The STAR is glad to note that Mr. Jas Allen, day clerk at The Orton, is out after a week's sickness.

— Mr. J. G. Mahn, of Rocky Point, N. C., a constant reader of the STAR, was a visitor at this office yesterday.

— The STAR regrets to hear that Mr. Thos. J. Jordan, the veteran printer is dangerously sick at his home in Fayetteville.

— Mr. F. J. Dempsey, one of the members of the new Board of Commissioners, was a visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

— Col. John C. Tipton, of the Oxford *Democrat*, is in the city. He will probably be here two or three days, when he will visit Charlotte.

— Messrs. S. G. Hayes, Castle Hayne; Louis Stern, Baltimore; J. C. Mintz, Southport, and M. W. Teachey, Teachey's, were other arrivals.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: "Brig. Gen. F. M. Parker, of the Third Brigade N. C. Division of Confederate Veterans, has appointed Dr. W. C. McDuffie surgeon of his staff."

— Col. K. M. Murchison and wife, Mrs. F. S. Ellis and Miss Jessie Murchison, of New York, arrived last night. Mr. F. S. Ellis, of Atlanta, Ga., met them here and will be in the city several days.

Fire on Bladen Street.

Mr. Daniel Davis was at home with his family last Sunday. To-day he will return to find his home in ashes. An alarm was turned in just before three o'clock from box No. 16, Mr. Daniel Davis' house on the north side of Bladen street, between Fourth and Fifth, was found to be in flames. The reels of the fire companies were shortly on hand and the fire was extinguished. Mr. Davis owns the house and has it insured, together with the furniture, with agency of J. H Boatwright & Son, to what amount it was not learned. Some of the furniture was saved.

The fire is thought to have originated in the wood yard at the rear of the house. The family found shelter with Mrs. Wm. Strickland, who lives next door.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— And now some of our colored citizens have got to calling the Kirmess the "Skirmish."

— Sheriff Hewlett's last call for taxes appears in the STAR to-day. Delinquents should read his advertisement.

— Rev. J. W. Kramer will preach a sermon to-night at the Brooklyn Baptist church from the subject, "Manhood."

— St. Agnes Guild will give an entertainment Friday evening, December 18th, in the Sunday school of St. James' church.

— The crossing at the intersection of Front and Princess streets, on the western side, has been raised to the level of the street.

— The Wilmington foot ball team is corresponding with the Greensboro eleven with the view of arranging a game for Christmas day.

— Miss Ida Strauss having returned from the New England Conservatory of Music will open her classes in music on the first day in January.

— The price of the New York *Journal* and the New York *World* will be advanced to two cents on the 15th on all papers sold outside of Greater New York.

— The firm name of Marsden Bellamy & Son has been changed to Bellamy & Bellamy. They will continue the law business at their old location on Princess street.

— Application will be made at the next session of the General Assembly of North Carolina to extend and amend the charter of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

— The schooner *Jno. W. Linnell*, from Punta Gorda, Fla., for Wilmington, arrived at Southport yesterday evening. She registers 945 tons, and is the largest schooner ever in this port.

— The finishing touches were given to the five story annex to the A. C. L. general offices yesterday. Officers and clerks hope to move into their new quarters some time this week.

— The STAR is requested to announce that candidates for baptism, of the Advent church, will be baptized next Sunday. Meetings at the church will continue daily through this week.

— The two well known theatrical stars, Stuart Robson and Mme. Janauschek will play an engagement at the Opera House Friday night, December 18th, in "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past."

— In Justice Bunting's court yesterday, Wm. Bell was arraigned, charged with larceny and burglary. The defendant asked for a postponement and the trial was set for 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

— "Dock" Nutt having caught some of our reporters in the act of laughing, forthwith sent three "Elite" toothbrushes to the STAR office. And, strangely enough, it seems to have given no offence.

— Mr. Frank H. Stedman has taken an office on the first floor of the STAR Building, where he will conduct the business of a real estate broker and dealer in stocks and bonds. He will also negotiate loans.

Exports Foreign.

The Norwegian barque *Atlanta* cleared yesterday for London, Eng., with 5,453 barrels rosin, valued at $9,486 50, shipped by S. P. Shotter & Co.

Schooner *Roger Moore* cleared for Cape Hayti with 235 887 feet pitch pine, 70,000 feet white pine lumber and 200 bundles shingles, valued at $3,900 08, shipped by S. & W. H. Northrop.

Schooner *Wm. F. Green* cleared for Port-au-Prince with 175,256 feet lumber, 6 barrels pine tar and 6 casks spirits turpentine, valued at $2,154.05, shipped by S. & W. H. Northrop.

British schooner *Turban* cleared for Hamilton, Bermuda, with 161 088 feet lumber and 5,000 shingles, shipped by the Chadbourn Lumber Company.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—615 bales cotton, 84 bbls tar, 26 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—817 bales cotton, 30 casks spirits turpentine, 237 bbls rosin, 31 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—188 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 136 bbls rosin, 18 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—196 bales cotton, 84 casks spirits turpentine, 317 bbls rosin, 34 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,816 bales; spirits turpentine, 84 casks; rosin, 680 bbls; tar, 119 bbls; crude turpentine, 26 bbls.

"A Flour Fraud."

The STAR is requested on behalf of the members of "The Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters" to extend their sincere thanks to all who so kindly participated in the entertainment at the Opera House on Friday evening last. They also wish to extend their thanks to the generous public who made the affair so great a financial success.

Great reduction in prices of Fine China, Lamps and Fancy Goods, suitable for Holiday Gifts. In order to remodel our store by the 1st of January, we will offer some bargains in fine China Dinner Sets—109 pieces for $15, and 56 piece China Tea Sets for only $6. All other goods in proportion. Now is the time to secure your Christmas presents. S. A. Schloss & Co., 24 North Front street. Exclusive agents for Libbey Fine Cut Glass. †

Largest display and lowest prices of Xmas Presents at J. H. Rehder & Co.'s. †

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Resolutions Concerning State Aid to Higher Education Presented and Referred to the Committee on Education.

[*Kinston Free Press.*]

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock. The opening religious services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Norman, who read the 23d Psalm.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

STATE AID TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

Dr. J. C. Kilgo, president of Trinity College, presented the following preamble and resolutions:

Among the many vital questions appealing to the church for solution, none is of greater importance than education. The principles of our religion inspire the largest intellectual aspirations as well as the greatest spiritual development. The church has, therefore, always defended education, and through the centuries, been the source of our educational progress. Should the church cease to be interested in education, ignorance would multiply, and all real educational progress would be at an end.

But besides the history of the church in education, it is bound by the highest interests of our individual and social life to maintain an aggressive educational policy. Infidelity has bid itself in science and enthroned itself in colleges and universities, and by a distorted and incomplete idea of education has wrought great harm. Along with all education must go a purpose to build up a faith in God, the only secure foundation for national or individual life. Otherwise, the worst results are to be expected from education.

In our own State, as well as in other States, there is a conflict between the State and church in educational work, and especially in the work of higher education. In many ways this want of sympathy is manifested and the church is forced to carry forward its educational work in the face of this opposition. Many of our people do not understand the position of the church in education, and there are many sincere people outside of the church who do not understand it. The time has come for this conference to define its position in education, and settle an educational policy that it will defend and develop. Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st, That we commit ourselves uncompromisingly to Christian education, and insist that our people in their homes teach their children the doctrines of Christ and patronize those common schools whose influences will not be be harmful, and that they patronize those colleges that give positive instruction in the truths of the Bible.

2. That we regard the free public schools a necessity to the State and we declare ourselves fully in sympathy with them. These schools are for the people and should be made efficient. We favor a sufficient tax to operate them at least six or eight months in the year, and we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to develop a public sentiment that will secure the result.

3. That while we do not think it the function of the State to teach religion in its colleges, and while we recognize the fact that there are many citizens who do not wish to patronize church colleges, and while we have no disposition to exterminate or do injury to State colleges, yet, as citizens of North Carolina, as well as members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, we do not believe that it is just to the church to tax its members to carry on an educational work to the injury of the church colleges, or to put the State colleges in unfair competition with the church colleges. We believe that it is out of harmony with the principles of our government, and morally wrong for the State to undertake to furnish free higher education to the few at the expense of the many, and therefore that all free tuitions in the State University, in so far as they are based upon the appropriation of public monies, should be discontinued.

4. That we request the Legislature to discontinue the appropriation of public money for free scholarships and tuitions at the University.

5. Knowing that the income from tuitions is not sufficient to meet the current expenses of a college or university, we are not opposed to appropriations to the University, but we think these appropriations should be limited to such amounts as are necessary to meet the deficiency in current expenses after tuitions have been collected from all students, except those to whom private scholarships have been given.

6. That as the aim of the State in the establishment of the Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, N. C., and the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, N. C., was to provide technical and not higher literary education, that we declare ourselves in sympathy with them as long as they adhere to their original purpose, but we are opposed to any policy that will in any way divert them from this aim.

E. A. YATES,
J. N. COLE,
JOHN C. KILGO.

B. R. Hall moved to refer the above to the Committee on Education. Motion lost.

A motion to adopt was put and carried.

Objection was raised that there had been no opportunity for discussion.

J. N. Cole moved to reconsider. He said he voted for the adoption of the resolutions, but moved to reconsider for the purpose of allowing discussion.

A motion to lay the motion to reconsider on the table was lost, and the motion to reconsider was carried.

Conference adjourned about 1.30 o'clock, without taking action upon the resolutions, which will come up again to-day.

It is probable that there will be a warm and lengthy discussion over the church paper question to-day.

Press of Express and Freight Business.

The Express Company, freight trains and boats are doing a lively business now. While there is no striking increase in the amount of express matter, the authorities say that there is perceptible a steady drift toward heavier business, which will doubtless become more marked as Christmas approaches.

Large shipments are being made over railroad and steamboat lines. The wharves and freight depots are crowded daily with boxes and barrels of fruit, bags of nuts, and packages of toys, besides large quantities of groceries of every description. Trucks and cries of stevedores make a lively racket, while drays and delivery wagons are on the go constantly.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

THE YACHT VAMOOSE

Left Yesterday For Key West—Was Searched Before Departure For Arms and Other Munitions of War By Direction of the Treasury Department at Washington.

The *Vamoose* steamed out from the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. dock shortly after 12 o'clock p. m. yesterday, having remained in the Wilmington harbor something less than twenty-four hours. When the screech of whistles, indicating her departure, made itself heard throughout the lower part of the city, people began to pour out of offices, houses and stores to catch another glimpse of the far-famed boat and see her at her speeding gait. And they were rewarded, for it was a sight to be remembered to watch the low-lying boat, no part of her deck being more than three feet above the water, go bounding away "like a thing of life." Her speed, after she got under way, was probably not quite twenty miles an hour, but that's not slow moving by any means, and there was some point to an old colored man's remark that "She do run frightenin'."

As her whistle emitted its blood-curdling blasts in frequent answer to other whistles, there was a defiant note about it that reminded one of the hardy courage and fine recklessness of the oppressed people with whose struggle for freedom the *Vamoose* will go down in history as having been connected.

An amusing episode was enacted as the *Vamoose* sped by. A crowd of onlookers had gathered on lighters at the foot of Princess street. They were unmindful of the swell which the rapid transit of the boat through the water would necessarily create, and just about the time the fast-flyer was a block away the swell struck the lighters, causing them to bob up and down in the liveliest rate. There was a wild rush for the shore, but fortunately no one was hurt or thrown overboard.

Capt. W. R. Kenan, collector of customs, received a telegram from the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., stating that information had been received there that the *Vamoose* was loaded with arms and ammunition for the Cuban insurgents, and directing that he make investigation and report to the Department. Collector Kenan and his chief deputy, Mr. Worth, went through the vessel from stem to stern, but found only one double-barrel shot-gun, two sporting rifles and a revolver, with a small quantity of ammunition for each; all private property of the master of the yacht.

The *Vamoose* is sailing under coast-wise yacht license, and is not required to report either entrance or clearance at any custom house. She took her departure yesterday for Key West, but Capt. McIntosh said she would probably stop at Charleston and other places along the coast. She stopped at Southport last night.

THE KIRMESS.

It Will be One of the Most Elaborate and Magnificent Entertainments Ever Given in the Carolinas.

At every turn the eye is greeted by posters, handbills or some device of an ingenious brain, all announcing the "Kirmess" for a series of four nights, commencing to-morrow evening. The Kirmess is an entertainment which only inhabitants of the larger cities have had the pleasure of seeing, but now it is in the power of Wilmingtonians and visitors from our sister towns, who may take advantage of the opportunity afforded to witness this much-talked of production.

The performance will be given on a scale of magnificence never before attempted in the Carolinas. Neither expense nor labor has been spared to make it a success. Over two hundred ladies, gentlemen and little folks will be in the caste. With as competent a trainer as Mr. Macdonnell, of New Orleans, La., and with a full orchestra of eleven pieces, the presentations, which can only be appreciated by being seen, are bound to be a "go." The box sheet for Monday and Tuesday nights is now open at Yates, with reserved seats at $1.00, 75 cents and 50 cents. Some persons have a mistaken idea that the performance can only be seen from the dollar seats, but the fifty-cent seats are nearly as good. A fine view of the stage can be had from any part of the house.

NEW RAILWAY CONNECTION.

It Is Probable That the Atlantic Coast Line Will Build the Connection Between Newbern and Washington.

It can be stated authoritatively, as the result of an interview with General Manager J. R. Kenly of the Atlantic Coast Line, that the new railroad connection between Washington, N. C., and Newbern will quite probably be consummated. The only definite information, however, which Mr. Kenly was in a position to give out was that a survey would be made at an early date and submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

It is about thirty miles, as the crow flies, from Newbern to Washington, and the route lies through a fine truck and farming section of Beaufort and Craven counties.

The move seems to be in every way a desirable one—for the country through which the road will run, as a matter of course, and for the Atlantic Coast Line also—as it will effect an entrance over its own lines into so large a town and so important a business centre as Newbern. It will open a new field, too, to the business men of Wilmington.

The Maritime Register.

The New York *Maritime Register* comes out in a new dress, and the proprietors of this time-honored and reliable journal announce that they will make other improvements and shortly give subscribers the best maritime paper in the world. The weekly *Shipping Record*, recently begun, has been consolidated with the *Register*.

Visit Rehder's this week. †

RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT ADJOURNED FOR THE TERM.

State Treasurer Worth Begins Payment of Pension Warrants—The Prohibition Question One of the Important Matters to Come Before the Legislature.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 12.

Judge Seymour adjourned Federal Court to-day. There will be no session next week, the trial of all civil cases being continued until the week beginning the 14th of January.

State Treasurer Worth has begun the payment of pension warrants. Many old veterans are visible now, hobbling into the Capitol building. The warrants will amount to $104,900.

One of the most important matters coming before the General Assembly is the prohibition question. As is already known, Editor Bailey of the *Biblical Recorder*, Dr. Tuttle and other temperance workers, intend to make a vigorous fight against the liquor dealers.

The saloon men are mindful of the fact, but they express themselves as being satisfied that no legislation antagonistic to their interests will be enacted. It is not a well known fact, but the liquor dealers, through their president and advisory committee, took a hand in the last campaign. They confined their energies to the legislative contest and defeated a number of cold water advocates.

Mr. E. V. Denton, one of the most prominent liquor dealers in the State, says that if the prohibitionists attempt to interfere with the whiskey interests the liquor dealers will ask for the establishment of an excise commission. The Legislature will be asked, regardless of this, to establish an excise commission, consisting of three commissioners, who shall have control of issuing licenses everywhere in the State. This would take the license matter from the boards of aldermen and commissioners.

Gee Zee in a New Role.

Our neighbor-in-law Gee Zee is unquestionably a variety artist, and yesterday afternoon he appeared in a new role. He came before the public as a contributor of those figments of the poetical imagination known as "two souls with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one." To drop from the poetical to the practical, our neighbor-in-law "spliced" a kullud kupple, complexion about that of old gold. It was a great occasion for Gee Zee, as the future bride and groom walked into the Sheriff's office, their faces radiant with smiles. By virtue of his exalted and lucrative position as a J. P. of the county of New Hanover, be it known, Gee Zee is authorized to tie matrimonial knots, but that is not his regular trade, as is shown by the fact that he officiated yesterday for the first time in that most delicate work.

They do say that Gee Zee, as he stood facing the anxious couple, was a picture for a painter, a veritable dream for a poet. His deep intonation, his solemnity of expression and his dignified poses attracted the undivided attention of the spectators and place Gee Zee, at one bound, in the front rank of matrimonial splicers. The STAR is more than pleased to recommend its neighbor-in-law to all who need work in his line, assuring them that he will turn out a neat job, and do it neatly, cheaply and expeditiously.

The City Markets.

Country produce was quite plentiful at the Front street market yesterday. Oysters of all grades could be had in abundance, but the supply of fish was limited. Trade was brisk in all lines.

The following figures were ascertained early yesterday morning before the stock was broken, and will represent with a fair degree of accuracy the prices of all the articles of produce, viz:

Oysters—New River, 80c to $1.00 per gallon; Myrtle Grove, 50c; Sound oysters, 35c.

Fish—Mullets, 10c per bunch; Flounders, 20c; Drum, 20 to 30c each; Brim, 15c each; Trout, 25 to 35c per bunch.

Poultry—Chickens, live, grown fowls, 50 to 60c per pair; dressed, 50c per pair. Turkeys, live, 75c to $1.25; dressed, 10 to 15c per pound.

Meats—Pork, corned, 8 to 10c; fresh 10c; sausage, 10c; hoghead cheese, 8 to 10c; steak, round, 10c; loin, 12½c; chuck, 8c; stew, 5c.

Vegetables—Irish potatoes, 20 to 25c per peck; collards, 5c per head; sweet potatoes, 50c per bushel; rutabagas, 3 to 5c per bunch; lettuce, 2½c per bunch; cabbage, 3c per head; onions, 5c per quart; turnips, 5c per bunch; spinach, 40c per peck; vegetable eggs, from 5 to 10c each.

Large quantities of peanuts were on sale, bringing from 60 to 75c per bushel.

Eggs ranged in price from 20 to 25c per dozen.

Last Night's Fire.

About 11 o'clock last night fire was discovered in the two-story wooden residence on Dock street near Front, occupied by Mrs. Annie Robbins. The Fire Department responded promptly in answer to a summons from box No. 43, and arrived on the scene to find the house in a light blaze. After about an hour of hard work the fire was finally subdued.

The fire originated in the rear room of the second story of the house, which is owned by Miss Julia Burr, who is now a resident of the North, and through her agent, Mr. D. O'Connor, was rented to Mrs. Annie Robbins, who occupied the first floor with her daughter, Hikel Gideon, a Syrian, who has a store on Dock street between Water and Front, occupied the second floor. Most of the occupants were asleep when the fire broke out, but escaped and managed to save most of their furniture, etc. No insurance was carried by either Mrs. Robbins or Gideon. The house was damaged to the extent of about $300, which is covered by insurance.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

DEATH OF MACEO.

REPORTS OF THE DEATH OF CUBA'S GREATEST SOLDIER ARE CONFIRMED.

Of Six Brothers Five Have Died in the Cause of Cuban Liberty—Wilmington Sorrows Over Cuba's Great Loss—Estrada Palma's Estimate of the Great Soldier.

The death on the field of battle of Antonio Maceo, the Stonewall Jackson of the Cuban army, has produced a feeling of genuine sorrow throughout this country. Here in Wilmington it has been the subject of universal comment, and without exception our people deeply regret the loss to the Cuban patriots of this great soldier.

Delegate Tomas Estrada Palma, the Cuban envoy at Washington, said a few days ago, before the report of Maceo's death had been fully confirmed:

"I can hardly believe this terrible report, but if it is true we can but regret the loss of this wonderful man. He is one of the greatest generals of the century, a man endowed with so many high and noble qualities that it is difficult to find his equal as a man and a soldier.

"However much we may deplore this great loss we are confident that the revolution will go on just the same, because at this stage it has reached a point where success is assured for the patriots in arms. We have other generals who will come to the front and prove equal to the task entrusted to them in making Cuba free.

"I knew Maceo personally in Cuba during the ten years' war. I was there nine years and esteemed him most highly. I had every opportunity to study the great man. He proved equal to all occasions. He was a good and noble man in his family. I know his wife, his mother; also knew his six brothers. His father and all these brothers, except Thomas, who was wounded, died fighting to free Cuba. They were patriots of the highest type."

"General Maceo's wife, now living in Costa Rica, is a noble woman—a true lady with a big, generous heart. She has been always ready to make every sacrifice for the Cuban cause.

"Maceo, like President Diaz of Mexico, was a self made man. By his own industry he educated himself and became accomplished in many branches of learning. His judgment was remarkable, and he understood men and their motives. His discretion was extraordinary. His patriotism was lofty and disinterested. As a soldier and an officer he was one of the most obedient to the law and his superiors. He was never insubordinate.

"The difficult position that he held so long and the great hardships he endured were proof of his high character as a soldier and a general.

"Maceo has been in the United States several times—in 1868-70, and he returned in 1891-93.

"A noted characteristic of Maceo was his calmness and great firmness in emergencies. He acted more than he talked and always kept his own counsel."

THE GOVERNOR ELECT.

What Tom Bailey Says—"All the Ins Will Be Turned Out and the Faithful Will Be Fed."

A reporter of the *News and Observer* of the 12th says:

I asked Mr. Bailey yesterday if he had any idea what Judge Russell would say in his message.

"Nothing beyond what he has already outlined in his interview published in the papers sometime ago. That ought not to leave much doubt as to his views. Certainly, so far as the railroad lease question is concerned the country knows how he stands."

"What will be his policy in regard to the various institutions of the State?" I asked.

"All the ins will be turned out and the faithful will be fed," he said. Then he added: "But all efforts to dismiss such men as John Ray, in charge of the Blind Asylum here, or Dr. Murphy at Morganton, will be frowned upon. No man will be chosen to fill a place unless he is known to be better qualified than the present officer. Judge Russell does not intend to allow the State institutions to be injured by the appointment of incompetent officials. And in most cases the Judge will be able to find capable men. He still obtains to the views he held before the election and is just as much of a Radical as the day he was nominated. No Republican need be driven to strong drink because he fears the Democrats will not be turned out. Judge Russell will strip the bush so clean that not a thorn will be left to show where the roses have been."

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At St. Paul's Episcopal church today, services to-day at 11 a. m. Sunday school at the usual hour in the afternoon. All seats free.

Mr. F. P. Turner, of Charlotte, State Secretary of Y. M. C. A., will conduct the services at Fifth Street M. E. church this forenoon at 11 a. m. in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim. No night service.

Services in St. John's church to-day by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael, at 7.45 and 11 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3 30 p. m.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner of Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt pastor, third Sunday in Advent. German service at 11 a. m., English service at 7.30 p. m., Sunday school at 3 30 p. m. All seats free.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, Fourth street above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday school at 3 30 p. m. All seats free and every person cordially invited.

COLORED CHURCHES.

St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, corner Fifth and Red Cross streets, Rev. E. J. Gregg pastor. Preaching to-day at 10 30 a. m. by the pastor; 8.00 p. m. by Rev. J. H. Richardson. A special sermon to the "Laundresses" at 7.30 p. m. A cordial invitation to all who may wish to attend.

IMPORTANT LEGAL DECISION.

Telegraph Companies Held Responsible for Correct Transmission of Messages.

KANSAS CITY, MO., December 11.—The State Supreme Court has made an important ruling that a telegraph company is liable for mistakes made by it in the transmission of telegrams. The Supreme Court also declares that the printed contract at the head of every telegraphic message blank, providing that the company is not liable for unrepeated messages, is invalid.

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must be paid at once to save cost. "Garnishees" for Poll Taxes are being prepared and will be served this week.

I have the names of over 200 voters who failed to "List." Payment must be made this week by them to save cost. E. HEWLETT, dec 13 1t Sheriff.

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JAMES D. NUTT, dec 13 tf The Druggist.

PROPOSALS

FOR FURNISHING THE OUT DOOR POOR of New Hanover County for the year 1897 with Medicines, Coffins and Burials, and the Poor and the Public Buildings with Wood and Coal, will be received at the office of the Chairman County Commissioners until the first Monday in January, 1897. Parties bidding will receive more favorable consideration if stated in bids that they are not bound by nor connected with combines and trusts in material for prices.

F. W. FOSTER,
Chairman Board County Commissioners
dec 13 2t

Sale of Stock.

BY DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIrectors of the "East Carolina Piscatorial Association," I will expose for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, in the City of Wilmington, on Saturday the 26th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., twenty shares of the capital stock of the "East Carolina Piscatorial Association," standing in the name of Thomas Perrett to satisfy and pay the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars, due as unpaid assessments on said stock; said assessments having been duly and regularly called by order of the said board and payment thereof having been duly refused by Thomas Perrett, the subscriber to said stock.

JOHN D. BELLAMY, Jr.,
dec 4 30t Attorney.

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 13, 1896

IT IS THE SAME IN EUROPE.

The farmers of this country are not the only ones who have suffered from the effects of agricultural depression. There is not a gold standard country in the world in which they have not suffered some, in some as much and in others more than American farmers have. The gold standard defenders deny that the demonetization of silver has had anything to do with this, while they admit the fact of the depreciation in prices. They say it was over-production, but this is not true because prices have depreciated more than one-half within the past twenty odd years, have been steadily depreciating, but the production has not doubled, and if it had doubled the world consumes it all, which fact negatives the assertion about over-production. With all the low prices there are hungry people, and hungry industrious people, too, in this rich, favored country of ours, and the world over.

Is it reasonable to suppose that the "overproduction" began coincidentally with the demonetization of silver, when the depreciation in prices began, while investigation by impartial persons shows that the decline dates from the degradation of silver and was general in all productions that were not controlled by trusts or combines.

There are no more industrious farmers in the world than the German farmers, but agriculture is depressed in Germany, and the statesmen of that country have endeavored to help the farmers by putting impediments in the way of the importation of foreign-raised food stuffs.

The farmers of the British Isles are good farmers and were once prosperous notwithstanding the importations from other countries, but they are in a wretched condition now, and it has been proposed to help them by the restoration of what are called corn duties. England is a very wealthy country, but her farmers have become very poor, so poor that many of them have surrendered their holdings because they could not raise enough on them to pay the rent, while farming lands have depreciated in value quite as much and sometimes more so than they have in this country. After his return from Europe Cardinal Gibbons said that one of the saddest sights he witnessed in travelling through Ireland was the large tracts of lands turned into pastures which had once been cultivated, but which had been abandoned because the renters could not make enough on them to pay the rent and support their families; and Ireland is a fertile country.

France is a land of small farms, owned principally by the tillers. There are no more saving and thrifty people in the world than the French farmers. But they are suffering as the German and English farmers, so much so that the Government is discussing plans of relief. They have tried to give relief by import duties, as is suggested in England, but these have failed. Premier Meline goes to the bottom and suggests the true and only remedy, which we find in the following cabled report.

"PARIS, Dec. 9.—The agricultural budget was discussed in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. The Premier, M. Meline, admitted that the farmers were suffering from the continual fall in prices, and that the import duties had partly lost their efficacy owing to the fall in value of foreign coin and the fall in exchanges. The remedy he explained was in bimetallism, but, he added, the question needed international settlement. The government, he further stated, intended to study the effects of speculation in wheat and farmers' insurance.

"Continuing, the Premier suggested that a system of export bounties was dangerous and might bring reprisals. The government, however, would consider the proposition.

"In conclusion M. Meline said that one of the greatest services which could be rendered to French husbandry would be to relieve it from land taxation."

Is it surprising that there should be business depression both in Europe and in this country when the farmers of both are pinched to get along, when they are not able to make ends meet and the end of the year, after all their labor, finds them in as bad or a worse condition than they were at the beginning? At least one half the people in this country live by the farm or by occupations connected with it. When they suffer how can the other half prosper? Our sources of wealth come out of the ground, and without the products of the farms there would be little in the products of the forest, the mine or the quarry to bring prosperity?

For years our farmers, like the farmers of other countries, have suffered from the effects of falling prices, suffered so that it is the only most thrifty, or those who raise specialties in the luxury lines for which there is a paying market who have made any money or been able to save anything. If they have been able to pay their debts, which many have not been, they have had but little money to spend and have been forced to exercise rigid economy. If they are in any better condition than they were it has been where they have exercised this economy and more thrift. They have not made more; they have simply spent less and contracted fewer obligations.

Much ado is made over the advance in the price of wheat as a proof that the gold standard is all right, and that silver has had nothing to do with the prices. This is simply nonsense. The rise in prices is due solely to the short crop in other countries, and to the fact that importing countries which do not raise enough for home consumption must have bread and this is the only country they can now depend upon for it. If it were not for the short crops and the consequent deficiency in the world's supply American wheat would not to-day be worth forty cents a bushel. The disaster that has fallen upon other countries has been this country's gain. It has simply been helped by an accident or a calamity to others.

If we had bimetallism in European countries and in this the wheat that is to day selling for a dollar a bushel would be worth two dollars, and European consumers would be better able to buy it at that price than they are now able to buy at present prices. If we were to talk until the stars fell there will be no general nor permanent prosperity until silver is again recognized as it was before the conspirators against it succeeded in degrading it and destroying one half the world's volume of coined money.

MACEO'S DEATH.

There does not seem to be any doubt now as to the death of Gen. Maceo, which has been a cause of so much rejoicing in Spain and among the loyalists in Havana, and of much gloom, as might be expected, among their friends and sympathizers in this and in other countries. Maceo was a dauntless and an able chieftain and the last of six brothers who gave their lives for Cuba. While his death would be a great loss at any time, it is exceedingly unfortunate at this juncture, but it does not necessarily mean the defeat of the Cuban cause or the speedy triumph of the Spaniards, although, judging from the jubilation in Havana and the ovations to Gen. Weyler, that seems to be taken for granted there. It simply amounts to the temporary crippling of the Cuban army and perhaps some depression and demoralization among the Cubans, but it is not a mortal blow. The Cubans still have Gomez and Garcia, and others under their command, and still have under these armies with which they can dispute supremacy with Spain for an indefinite period, and the probabilities are that the death of Maceo will inspire them with a determination to show a bold front and thus offset its effect. The Spaniards have not yet won the fight.

MINOR MENTION.

We commented a day or two ago on the remarkable fact that the so-called Democratic gold organs of the North are advocating the retiring of the Government notes, and they are also remarkably conspicuous in their opposition to a monetary Congress of nations, in which, however, they have the co-operation of some of the Republican organs. In speaking of Senator Wolcott's resolution (which was adopted without opposition by the Senate), the appointment of a committee to provide for the holding of such a Congress, the New York *Times* pronounces it "a bad beginning," and thus sneeringly refers to it:

"The scope of this international conference might with perfect propriety be widened. It ought to provide a plan whereby the comets could be yoked up and henceforth be made to spin together, Encke's with Biela's, Fay's with Halley's, and so on. It might decree that the great dipper and the Southern Cross should swap places, and that the Ethiopian and the leopard should make that change which Scripture says they cannot.

"Bimetallism is an exploded myth. Why rake its fragments out of the wreck of the Bryan campaign? There never has been a fixed parity of value between gold and silver since the first miner struck the first pay dirt. Bimetallism has never existed in history. The two metals go their ways in obedience to supreme natural laws which it is impudent and futile for conferences and Senators to seek to overthrow.

"Besides, the 'leading commercial nations of the world' are content with the gold standard and will stick to it. Their presence would baffle the real bimetallists of the conference. China and Peru and Mexico are the countries we ought to ask to sit down with us for the consideration of this silly business.

"But why consider it at all? The country will be surprised by this action of the Republican Senators. It looks like trying to reopen a contest which the country closed with great emphasis by the pronouncement of November 3d. This belated pottering with the silver question will increase the present popular distrust of the United States Senate. That is needless."

The *Times* seems to forget the fact that the Republican platform on which Mr. McKinley stood declares for bimetallism and pledged the party to use its endeavors to secure an international agreement by which the free coinage of silver might be resumed, and the Republican party is in honesty and in honor bound to carry out that pledge. But the *Times* has not the honesty or the honor of that party in its keeping.

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Some of the Republican journals in the North object to Comptroller Eckels' recommendation for an increase of National bank currency on the ground that it is not necessary, in proof of which they cite the fact that a number of the banks have within the past year gone out of business and that there was a net increase of $26,339,655 in the same time. But it wasn't simply a recommendation of an increase of bank circulation that Mr. Eckels made, but an increase which would provide for a better distribution of the currency and the greater usefulness of the National banks, which is a different and much more important matter. These are his most important recommendations:

"1. Permission to organize in places of less than 2 000 inhabitants banks with capital of $25,000 and a correspondingly less amount of bonds to be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States.

"2. Permission to establish in places of 1 000 population or less branch banks, with the right to receive deposits make loans and discounts, and buy and sell exchange, but not to issue circulating notes other than of the parent bank.

"3. Reduction of tax on circulation to one fourth of 1 per cent. semi annually.

"4. Permission to issue notes to the par value of bonds deposited."

This is substantially a reiteration of what he has heretofore recommended, which recommendations have been endorsed by the President in his message and by the Secretary of the Treasury in his reports. No one disputes the fact that there is an abundance and even a surplus of money in the money centers, which is one of the evils from which the country is and has been suffering for a long time, and to overcome this, and provide for a more equable distribution in the sections where money is most needed and where it would do the most good these recommendations have been made. They are worthy of the attention and serious consideration of Congress.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Monroe *Journal*: Mr. Martin Little, the son of Rev. J. W. Little, died at the home of his father in Lane's Creek township Sunday night, of fever. He was about eighteen years of age and had been sick but a short time.

— Winston *Sentinel*: It is reported that a white man named Hall killed a negro named Joe Carter, during a drunken brawl, at Brim, Surry county, last Monday. The killing was the result of a trifling disagreement between the slayer and slain.

— Wadesboro *Messenger*: Many thousand pounds of pork was slaughtered in this section during the recent cold snap. ——For the year ending November 9th, 1896, there were 160 marriage licenses issued by Register of Deeds Benton. Of this number only 60 were issued to white couples.

— Raleigh *Press Visitor*: The county jail never contained so many prisoners as at present. Every cell is full to its utmost capacity and a number of prisoners are kept in the corridors. Thirty of the sixty-five prisoners confined in jail are Federal prisoners from other counties.

— Tarboro *Southerner*: The oldest person in this county is Nellie Howell, a colored woman living at J. R. Councils'. What her exact age is no one seems to know. B. G. Howell says she is at least 100 years old. That he remembers that the old woman had a grandchild just about the same age as himself.

— Monroe *Enquirer*: On Tuesday night of last week Mrs. R. C. Newson, of Lane's Creek township, over lay her little three months old babe, while she slept, and when she awoke she found the baby dead. —— Mr. Wm. Perry, ex clerk of the court of Lancaster county, S. C., committed suicide yesterday by drowning. No reason for the rash act is given. He was very popular, of a cheerful disposition, and his untimely death is a great shock to his host of friends. He was about forty five years old. —— Four of the officers sworn in Monday were negroes. It was thought that the colored constable of Jackson township would not qualify, but he came up with his bond and took the oath of office and is now a full fledged officer. ——The recent snow came very near exterminating the rabbits. Hundreds of them were killed. The snow was so deep that they could not run and the small boy was in all his glory hunting them and catching them alive. One man came into town last Friday evening with forty live rabbits in a box.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The wild rejoicings of the Spaniards at the reported death of Maceo, a brave enemy whom they were never able to defeat, are but another proof of the ingrained, barbaric savagery of the race.—*New York World, Dem.*

—— The mine riot in Scranton, in which 200 foreign laborers undertook to dictate how the operations of the mine should be carried on, is only one of a long series of labor troubles of a similar character growing out of the employment of such labor in the mines because it is considered cheap. —*Phil. Ledger, Ind.*

—— The French navy is considered to be in fairly good condition, but the Government wants $40,000,000 for the purpose of strengthening it. The incident shows at what a cost the "concert of Europe" is maintained, nowadays, and should confirm the United States in the determination to keep clear of it.—*Phil. Ledger, Ind.*

—— Senator Aldrich informed a delegation of manufacturers at Washington, who were urging the passage of the Dingley bill, that there were only two things required to secure that object, and that was a change in the Senate rules enabling the friends of the bill to bring it to a vote and seven more Republican Senators. This is equivalent to a declaration that the passage of the bill is impossible, and coming as it does from the best informed Senator on revenue measures in the upper branch of Congress, may be accepted as conclusive. There will be no revenue legislation of importance passed by the Fifty fourth Congress and it is folly to expect any.—*Philadelphia Times, Ind.*

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THE LAST ANSWER.

ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS.

Dying eyes, what do ye see?
I see the love that holdeth me;
The look that, lighting, leans to bless,
The little daily tenderness;
Smiles without words; the sweet, sure sign
Which says in silence, I am thine.
Returning feet met at the door;
Alas, for those which run no more!
Ah me, for lips that widespread, "Dear Earth is all heaven, for thou art here"
I see a figure like a stone;
The house where one sits on alone.
O God have pity! for I see
The desolated needing me.

Dying eyes, what do ye see?
I see the love that taketh me.
Loud in the breakers soft in song,
Ever the summons calleth strong.
I see upon an unknown strand
The signal of a distant Hand.
The leaf is light, the bud is out,
Floods of many colors float about.
The pulse leaps high, the heart is young,
The sweetest chimes are yet unstrung,
My bravest deeds I never did;
And, struggling with the coffin lid,
Hopes, dreams, and joys and happy tears
Start, throbbing, to live down the years.

A mighty! Listen! I am dust.
Yet spirit am I; so I trust.
Let come what may, of life or death,
I trust Thee with my sinking breath.
I trust Thee, though I see Thee not
In heaven or earth, or any spot,
I trust Thee till I shall know why
There's one to live and one to die.
I trust Thee till Thyself shall prove
Thee Lord of life and death and love.
—*Harper's Bazar.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Whoso escapes a duty avoids a gain.—*Theodore Parker.*

— The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.—*H. W. Blecher.*

— When we recognize ourselves as sinners we have made the first step toward salvation.

— If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, be, in by enlisting the mothers.—*C. Simmons.*

— The devil will not be long in making some kind of a flank movement against the preacher who makes sinners feel their need of Christ.—*Blasts.*

— Spiritual acquirement is conditioned upon our communion with God. We may have intellectual ability, but unless we are vitally connected with God we must die spiritually.

— When a church lowers the standard of religious life to fit the lives of worldly rich members, her dependence for prosperity and power is on a level in aim and work with that of a fashionable club.—*Tennessee Methodist.*

— Duty is privilege, all duty, even that which nature shrinks from, because in doing it God will help us and God will bless us, in that the bitter becomes sweet and the cross is transformed until we glory in it. It is most blessed to do the will of God.—*Florida Christian Advocate.*

— Let us take short views. Let us not climb the high wall till we get to it, or fight the battle till it opens, or shed tears over sorrows that may never come, or lose the joy and blessings that we have by the sinful fear that God will take them away from us. We need all our strength and all the grace God can give us for to-day's battle. To-morrow belongs to our Heavenly Father.—*Theodore Cuyler, D. D.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Fuddy—I wonder how Cramer came to marry that Berley woman?"

Duddy—Perhaps he had to do it in payment of an election bet.—*Boston Transcript.*

—"Have you no pride at all?" asked the Earnest Worker.

"Nup," said Cumberer of the Ground. "I'm waitin' till it gits cheaper. Pride, you know, must have a fall."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

— Brown—I wonder why Paynter was so angry when I asked him what school of art he belonged to?

Smith—What school? That implies he has something to learn.—*Puck*

— "Do you think that all matches are made in heaven?"

"Yes; except those made at the seashore."—*Judge*

— Men are not as good as women, of course, but there is one thing no man ever does; he doesn't tell a woman of the wrongdoing of her husband.—*Atchison Globe.*

— Barber (a wag, to customer)—Stop those jokes or I'll cut your head off."

Customer—You couldn't with that razor.

— Hoax—What? You buying a bicycle? I thought you detested them.

Joax—So I do, but I've been run over long enough. Now I'm going to have my revenge.

— Giles—Do you think he will commit suicide on her account?

Merritt—No; he's so selfish he wouldn't put himself out of the way for any one.—*Harlem Life*

— "The Noddings have at last agreed to live apart."

"Gracious! As bad as that?"

"Well, it amounts to as much. They've taken a house in suburbs."—*Philadelphia North American.*

Appointments for Visitation by Bishop the of East Carolina.

December 13 Sunday, 3rd in Advent, M. P., Snow Hill, S. Barnabas.

December 15, Tuesday, M. P., Farmville, Emanuel.

December 16 Wednesday, E. P., Hamilton, S. Martin's.

December 17, Thursday, Com., Hamilton, S. Martin's.

December 18, Friday, E. P., Winston, S. John's.

December 19, Saturday, Com., Winston, S. John's.

December 20, Sunday, 4th in Advent, Murfreesboro, S. Barnabas.

December 25 Christmas, Woodville, Bertie county, Grace.

December 27, Sunday after Christmas, M. P., Roxobel, S. Mark's.

M. P.—Morning Prayer.
E. P.—Evening Prayer.
Com.—Communion.

At all Morning Services the Holy Communion.

The Vestries will please be ready to meet the Bishop.

The Children will please be prepared to be catechized.

Offerings for Diocesan Missions unless otherwise announced.

Powerful and Peaceful.

Hitherto in praising a nation the orator and eulogist have employed the word warlike. From the Greeks we learned to wed the horrible with the beautiful. The proudest claim of the Athenians was that they excelled all others "in arts and in arms." Let the United States claim the pure glory to which they alone of all the nations, past or present, are entitled, the "powerful and peaceful nation."—Chicago Interior.

Mean.

Bishop Julius of New Zealand is much troubled by the number of spurious coins found in the church offertories of the diocese. In a recent sermon he said: "I never saw so much bad coin in all my life. To offer to the church—the cause of God—money that the baker or the butcher would not accept shocks me. The man that would do that wants the grace of God badly—or three months."

GRABBED BY A GORILLA.

An American Traveler's Thrilling Experience on the East Coast of Africa.

A Cincinnatian who has lately returned from a tour of east and South Africa told a reporter of a thrilling encounter he had with a gorilla while in that far-off country. Said he:

"The evening train had arrived at Lourenco Marques, Delagoa Bay, on schedule time. But what's night it was! The rain came down as if the very heavens were falling, the wind blew a terrific gale, and the darkness which overspread the whole scene was such as I had never witnessed before. It was, however, a fitting night to the experience which followed. Stepping from what the Netherlands Railway company term a first class carriage, I accosted a heavy set individual on the platform. 'Can you tell me, sir, which is the best hotel of this place?' I asked.

"'Well, stranger,' he remarked, 'that is hardly a fair question to ask me, as I own both the hotels in this place.'

"I turned over my grip to him and followed a crowd of Africans through that tropical storm. Dinner was served at the International hotel, but my permanent quarters were to be at the Central, both of these being owned by Jim Carpenter, the person I met at the station. After dinner an employee of the hotel asked me if I was ready to go to the Central. I replied in the affirmative. He went to the door, and above the din of wind and rain could be heard his voice yelling 'Sixpence!'

"My belief was that this individual was singing out to some of the natives that a sixpence job was waiting for any of them who would take me to the Central hotel, but it proved to be the peculiar name of an east African negro. 'Sixpence' came with a 'Yap, boss.' It seemed as he came that a section of that black night was moving bodily toward me. The instruction was to keep close to 'Sixpence.'

"The route was through a large garden. We had hardly entered the garden inclosure when a terrific scream was heard, and at the same time I was struck on the head. In an instant I had my revolver out and fired at my unknown assailant. My enemy grappled with me, but before losing my hold of the revolver I managed to fire two more shots. But it was an uneven fight. I received another blow on the head, rendering me unconscious. When I regained consciousness, which was three days later, I learned that my firing of the revolver had attracted the attention of an American who was known at Delagoa Bay as 'Texas Wilson.' He told me that he ran out of his house with his gun and lantern, and had hardly gone 200 yards when he came across a huge gorilla carrying me on his back. The gorilla scowled at him, but he was determined to try to rescue me from that brute. After taking a careful aim he managed to shoot the animal without hitting me, and killed him. Then he brought me to the hotel, where I afterward was informed that a big gorilla had been sent to Jim Carpenter about three days previous. He had been tied to a tree in the garden, but somehow must have broken his chain and was waiting for the first comer. It was Carpenter's intention to send the gorilla to the Manchester zoological gardens as a present.

"This was my first visit in December, 1894, to the sleepy, dirty and sickly town of Delagoa Bay, on the east coast of Africa."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Corpses Rented For Dissection.

The terror that the average colored woman has of the medical students and colleges is absolutely overpowering. Few people relish the idea of being carved up after death, but this feeling seems especially accentuated in the bosom of the colored woman, especially if she comes from the country. Many of them cannot be hired to go by a medical college after night, for they fear being captured by the students and dissected alive. It is hardly to be wondered that there is a superstitious dread of the surgeon's knife, as so many "stiffs" are required on the many dissecting tables of the Louisville medical colleges. There is a large supply from penal and other institutions, but the demand is great. As a result it is not uncommon for the medical colleges to rent corpses. The body will generally be sent with a note requesting that the face be not mutilated. The remains are then placed in the coffin, with the clothing properly arranged about the unmutilated face, and none besides those who are parties to the transaction is any the wiser.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Luminous Sea Crab.

One of the marine curiosities recently fished from the bottom of the Indian ocean by a dredging vessel in the employ of the Calcutta Society of Natural History was a mammoth sea crab which continually emitted a bright white light similar to that seen in the spasmodic flashes of phosphorescent luminosity kindled by our common fireflies. The oddity was captured in daytime and placed in a large tank, nothing peculiar except its immense size being noticeable in the broad glare of the tropical sun. At night, however, when all was in pitchy darkness, the crab surprised the naturalists by lighting up the tank so that all the other sea creatures, great and small, occupying the same tank could be plainly seen. When the luminous crustacean was prodded with a pole, he emitted flashes of lights which enabled the experimenters to read small print, even though otherwise they were in total darkness.—St. Louis Republic.

Out of the Public.

When I was a very little boy, writes Sir William Gregory in his autobiography, my grandfather, who was then under secretary for Ireland, took me to the chief secretary's room in Dublin castle and formally introduced me to Lord Melbourne.

After I had been with him for some little time he said, "Now, my boy, is there anything here you would like?"

"Yes," I answered, pointing to a very large stick of sealing wax.

"That's right," said Lord Melbourne, pressing on me a bundle of pens, "begin life early. All these things belong to the public, and your business must always be to get out of the public as much as you can."—Pearson's Weekly.

All on the Outside.

Speaking of libraries reminds me of a story I heard of a certain rich man who did build himself a new mansion, and wishing to set up a bookroom there he simply went to a real library, put down the names of the volumes and had them painted on boards that assimilated a library.

"Oh, it doesn't matter," he said. "You see, folks will never read 'em, an they look just as well."

The man who told me this story pointed to a couple of meaningless married folks.

"They are just like Mr. ——'s library," he said. And they were.—New York Recorder.

Power and Fashion.

There exists a strict relation between the class of power and the exclusive and polished circles. The last are always filled or filling from the first. Fashion, though in a strange way, represents all manly virtue. It is virtue gone to seed, a kind of posthumous honor, a ball of the past. Great men are not commonly in its halls. They are absent in the fields. They are working, not triumphing. Fashion is made up of their children.—Emerson.

Cripple

The iron grasp of scrofula has no mercy upon its victims. This demon of the blood is often not satisfied with causing dreadful sores, but racks the body with the pains of rheumatism until Hood's Sarsaparilla cures.

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Well

take Hood's Sarsaparilla. Soon appetite came back; the sores commenced to heal. My limbs straightened out and I threw away my crutches. I am now stout and hearty and am farming, whereas four years ago I was a cripple. I gladly recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla." URBAN HAMMOND, Table Grove, Illinois.

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The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

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BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute	@	6
Standard	@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ ℔	12 @	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6 @	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6 @	6¾
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ ℔	4½ @	4¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	@	4¾
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00 @	1 10
New New York, each	1 35 @	1 40
New City, each	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	23 @	24
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50 @	7 00
Northern	9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15 @	
Northern	23 @	
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	40 @	42½
Virginia Meal	40 @	42½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	@	1 20
CANDLES—℔ ℔—		
Sperm	18 @	25
Adamantine	9 @	10
CHEESE ℔ ℔—		
Northern Factory	10 @	11
Dairy, Cream	11 @	12
State	@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—		
Laguyra	20 @	
Rio	10 @	16
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard	@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18 @	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	15 @	16
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00 @	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00 @	3 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75 @	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00 @	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5 @	10
" Extra	3 25 @	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—		
Low grade	3 25 @	3 75
Choice	3 25 @	4 50
Straight	4 75 @	5 00
First Patent	4 45 @	5 50
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½ @	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White	42½ @	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	@	40
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40 @	42½
Oats, from store	30 @	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40 @	45
Cow Peas	45 @	50
HIDES, ℔ ℔—		
Green	@	16
Dry	@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—		
Eastern	@	1 05
Western	@	90
North River	@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	2 @	2½
LARD, ℔ ℔—		
Northern	5½ @	6¼
North Carolina	6 @	10
LIME ℔ barrel	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—		
Ship Stuff resawed	18 00 @	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00 @	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00 @	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—		
New Crop Cuba, in hhds	@	22
" " " in bbls	@	25
Porto Rico, in hhds	25 @	29
" " in bbls	@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12 @	14
" " in bbls	14 @	15
Syrup, in bbls	13 @	
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis	@	2 15
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	8 75 @	9 00
Rump	@	8 5
Prime	@	8 25
ROPE ℔ ℔	10 @	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum	@	75
Liverpool	@	65
Lisbon	@	
American	@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks	40 @	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00 @	6 50
Common	1 60 @	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50 @	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd	@	[illegible]
Standard A	@	[illegible]
White Ex. C	@	[illegible]
Extra C, Golden	4 @	[illegible]
C Yellow	@	[illegible]
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½ @	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00 @	14 00
R. O. Hogshead	@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	@	9 00
Mill, Prime	@	7 00
Mill, Fair	4 50 @	6 00
Common Mill	4 00 @	4 50
Inferior to Ordinary	@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	5 @	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00 @	2 00
North Carolina	1 00 @	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 12.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1 10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Quiet. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 1 90, and Virgin 1 90 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 25¼@24¾c; rosin, strained $1 35; good strained $1 40; tar $1 00; crude turpentine 1 10, 1 50, 1 50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	94
Rosin	680
Tar	11
Crude Turpentine	26

Receipts same day last year—117 casks spirits turpentine, 624 bbls rosin, 164 bbls tar, 29 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market quiet on a basis of 6⅜c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 6-16	cts ℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	5⅜	" "
Low Middling	6 6-16	" "
Middling	6⅜	" "
Good Middling	7 1-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 8c.

Receipts—1,816 bales; same day last year, 1,109.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c. Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@75 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.50 to 3.50; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 12—Evening.—Money on call offered at 2 per ct. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers bills 483½@483¾ for sixty days and 486¼@486¾ for demand. Commercial bills 482½@483¼. Government bonds steady; United States coupon fours 110¼; United States twos 95¼. State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 102; North Carolina sixes 122. Railroad bonds irregular.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 12—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7⅝c.

Cotton futures—market closed quiet; December 6 99, January 7 03, February 7 11, March 7 19, April 7 27, May 7 31, June 7 35, July 7 38, August 7 40. Sales 79,100 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 87 bales; gross 1,688 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded —— bales; sales —— bales; sales to spinners 65 bales; stock 248 800 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 49 736 bales; exports to Great Britain 24 642 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 21,827 bales; stock 1,207 096 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4 107,652 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,499,615 bales; exports to France 342 191 bales; exports to the Continent 864,907 bales.

Flour was dull and easy at prices; winter wheat, low grades $2 20@3 30; fair to fancy $3 40@4 75; do patents $4 90@5 25; Minnesota clear $3 50@4 00, patents $4 25@5 05; low extra $2 20@3 30. Southern flour dull, easy and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 05@3 60, good to choice $3 60@3 90. Wheat—spot dull and firmer; ungraded red 80@93½c; No. 1 Northern 89⅝c; options were dull and firm ⅛@1c advance; No 2 red December 87⅝c; January 87⅞c; March 88⅜c; May 86⅝c; July 81⅛c. Corn—spot dull and firm; No 2 29c at elevator and 30c afloat; steamer mixed 28c; options were dull, firm and unchanged; December 29c; January —c; May 31⅝c. Oats—spot dull but steady; options dull and quotations nominally unchanged December 22⅛c; January 22⅜c; February 23½c spot—No. 2, 22½c; No. 2 white 25½c; mixed Western 22@24c. Lard quiet and steady; Western steam $4 15; city $3 62½@3 75, December $4 10 nominal; refined dull; Continent $4 40 South America $4 75; compound $4 37½@4 50. Pork steady; demand moderate new mess $8 25@8 75. Butter was quiet State dairy 11@20c; do. creamery 15@23c; Western creamery —c; Elgins 24c. Eggs quiet at prices; State and Pennsylvania 20@23c; ice house 16@19c. Western fresh 20@21c; do, per case $3 25@4 20; Southern 19@20c; limed —c. Cotton seed oil dull but steady; crude 20½c; yellow prime 23@24c. Rice fairly active, firm and unchanged. Molasses firm and unchanged. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand-picked 4c. Coffee dull and 10 to 15 points up. December $9 35; March $9 80@9 85; spot Rio dull and nominal; No. 7 $10 00. Sugar—raw was dull but steady; fair refining 3⅛c; refined dull and unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Cash quotations Flour was quiet, steady and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring 76⅝@77c; No. 2 red 89½@89⅞. Corn—No 2 22⅜@23⅛c Oats No 2, 17½@18c. Mess pork, $6 85 @6 90. Lard $3 80@3 82½. Short rib sides $3 80@4 10. Dry salted shoulders $4 25@4 50. Short clear sides $4 00@4 12½. Whiskey $1 18 for high-proof spirits

The leading futures ranged as follows: opening, highest, lowest, closing: Wheat—December 76⅝, 76⅞, 76⅝, 76⅞c; May 80¼@80½, 80⅞, 80½, 80⅝@80⅞c. July 73⅞@74, 74⅛, 73⅞@73⅞, 73⅞. Corn—December 22⅜, 22⅜, 22¼, 22⅜c; January 23½, 23½, 23, 23c. May 26, 25¼, 25⅞@25, 25⅞c. Oats—December 17¼@17⅛, 17⅛@17¼, 17, 17c; May 20⅜@20⅞, 20⅞, 20½@20⅜, 20½c. Pork—December $6 85, 6 87½, 6 85, 6 87½; January $7 60, 7 65, 7 60, 7 62½; May $7 90, 7 95, 7 87½, 7 92½. Lard—December $3 75, 3 75, 3 75, 3 75; January $3 85, 3 90, 3 85, 3 87½; May $4 05, 4 10, 4 05, 4 07½. Short ribs—December $3 90, 3 90, 3 90, 3 90; January $3 85, 7 90, 3 85, 3 87½; May $4 05, 4 10, 4 05, 4 07½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat firm; spot 90½c; May 87⅜@88c; Southern by sample 91@92c; do on grade 87@91c. Corn dull and steady; spot 28⅛@28⅜c; year 28⅛@28½c; January 28@28⅛c; February 28½@28⅝c; March 28⅝@28⅞c. Steamer mixed 26@26½c. Southern white 22½@28½c; do yellow 22½@28½c. Oats steady to firm; No. 2 white 25@26c; No. 2 mixed 23½@23c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Dec. 12.—Galveston, easy at 7 1-16, net receipts 9,614 bales; Norfolk, nominal at 7, net receipts 5,780 bales; Baltimore, quiet at 7⅜, net receipts 1,714 bales; Boston, quiet at 7⅜, net receipts 1,714 bales; Wilmington, firm at 6⅜, net receipts 1 816 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7⅜c, net receipts 482 bales; Savannah, dull at 6⅝, net receipts 8 bales; New Orleans, steady at 6 15 16, net receipts 16,614 bales; Mobile, quiet at 6⅝, net receipts 2,247 bales; Memphis, irregular at 6⅝, net receipts 2,270 bales; Augusta, steady at 6⅝, net receipts 2,102 bales; Charleston, quiet at 6⅝, net receipts 2,841 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12—12.30 P. M.—Cotton, quiet; American spot grades 1-32d lower. American middling 4⅛d. Sales 10,000 bales, of which 9 800 were American; speculation and export 500. Receipts 24 000 bales, of which 23 500 were American. Futures opened steady and demand moderate. December 4 3 64d; December and January 3 63 64d; January and February 3 63 64d. February and March 3 63 64d; March and April 3 63-64d. April and May 4d. May and June 4@4 1 64d; June and July 4 1-64d. July and August 4 1 64@4 2 64d; August and September 4d. Futures quiet.

Spot prices: American middling fair 4 7 16d; good middling 4 3 16d; low middling 4 1 32d; good ordinary 3 29-32d; ordinary 3 23 32d.

1 P. M.—American middling 4⅛d. December 4 3 64@4 3 64d seller; December and January 3 63 64@4d January and February 3 63 64d buyer; February and March 3 63 64d buyer, March and April 3 63 64@4d seller. April and May 4d buyer; May and June 4@4 1 64d buyer; June and July 4 1 64d buyer; July and August 4 1 64@4 2 64d buyer; August and September 4d seller. Futures closed steady.

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EXPORTS.

COASTWISE

NEW YORK—Stmr Geo W Clyde—758 bales cotton, 265 casks spirits turpentine, 78 bbls rosin, 805 do tar, 5 do pitch, 85 bags peanuts 100 pkgs mdse.

FOREIGN.

LONDON—Nor barque Atalanta—5 458 bbls rosin.

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PORT-AU PRINCE—Schr Wm F Green—175 216 feet lumber, 6 bbls pine tar, 6 casks spirits turpentine.

HAMILTON, BERMUDA—Schr Turban—161,083 feet lumber, 5 000 shingles.

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Sudden swallows swiftly skimming,
Sunset's slowly spreading shade,
Silvery songsters sweetly singing
Summer's soothing serenade.

Susan Simpson strolled sedately,
Stifling sobs, suppressing sighs.
Seeing Stephen Slocum stately,
She stopped, showing some surprise.

"Say," said Stephen, "sweetest sigher,
Say, shall Stephen spouseless stay?"
Susan, seeming somewhat shyer,
Showed submissiveness straightway.

Summer's season slowly stretches,
Susan Simpson Slocum she—
So she signed some simple sketches—
Soul sought soul successfully.

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Six Septembers Susan swelters,
Six sharp seasons snow supplies;
Susan's satin sofa shelters
Six small Slocums side by side.
—Boston Globe.

CANADA'S NATIONAL SONG.

The Story of How It Was Inspired by a Falling Maple Leaf.

Away back in the forties in one of the humble homes of a Canadian village there might have been seen, one summer day, a kindly Scotch "meenister," holding between his knees a curly headed youth. The minister was catechising him as to his Sunday school attendance and his knowledge of the Bible and found him very proficient.

"And he has made a poem, too," said his Sunday school teacher, the resident minister, who was also present. "He has put it to the music of 'Scots wha hae.'"

"Let us hear you sing it, Alexander," said the visiting minister.

And the youthful poet sang it with his boyish simplicity and power, as if touched with divine inspiration.

The minister put his hands on the boy's curly pate and spake the prophetic words: "Ye'll be weel kenn'd yet afore ye dee."

And the mother, after the manner of Scotch folk, treasured the saying in her heart and encouraged little Alexander in his poetical and musical creatings.

That minister was the celebrated Scotch divine, Dr. Norman Macleod, then on a visit to this country, and that youth was afterward the author of Canada's national song.

In October, 1867, two men were walking in a Toronto garden, a nursery. The dying maple leaves were falling from the trees, to be trodden under foot in spite of all their glory of crimson and gold coloring. A leaf fluttered down to the coat sleeve of one of the men and was detained by the roughness of the cloth of which the garment was made. He tried to brush it off and thought he had succeeded, but as he was leaving he discovered that it was still hanging there, and its tenacity impressed itself upon his mind.

He remarked the occurrence to his companion, who was bidding him good afternoon, and the latter said: "You have been writing verses. Why not write a song about the maple leaf?"

This was about 4 o'clock in the day, and in less than two hours afterward the poem was written that has made the name of Alexander Muir a household word in every part of Canada.

Next day he was playing with his children and repeating the words of the poem aloud. His wife suggested that he set the words to music, so that he might sing them, for he had a pleasant, sonorous voice. He thereupon tried several tunes, but could find nothing to suit him.

"I'll have to compose one myself," he said, and in a few hours afterward the beautiful tune that has gladdened the hearts and refreshed the souls of thousands of Canadian patriots, that has reached the ears of thousands of English speaking people in the United States and Great Britain, was on paper.—Canadian Magazine.

Wives Now Shave Husbands.

"Do you ever notice how cleanly shaven that man is?" asked a young woman, pointing to a merchant well known on Main street the other day. When she was answered in the affirmative, the young woman continued:

"Well, that shows what a woman can do. His wife shaves him. I surprise you? I would surprise you more if I told you the names of a dozen more well known merchants who indulge their whims and their wives' desires in this direction. It almost amounted to a fad for a time and was at its height last summer. A Louisville woman who was visiting east saw some women barbers at work in New York, and as she noted the ease and grace with which the professionals removed the superfluous hirsute growth she concluded she would try it when she returned home. Her husband objected at first, but when he was finally induced to subject himself to the ordeal he congratulated himself on the result. After that he would not allow a regular barber to touch his face. The fad spread, and I couldn't tell you how many more followed suit."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

He Let Her Have Her Way.

It was when the cable cars were new, and she was of the resolute, not to be trampled upon type. She rose to leave the car and stood lurching in the doorway while the men on the platform squeezed together on one side to permit her egress. She glanced at them with unfavoring eyes. "I wish to get out on that side," she said to the conductor, indicating the side where the men were huddled. "Can't do it, lady," said he with the brevity of his calling.

"But I insist," she cried, looking at his number, "upon leaving the car on the side most convenient to me. You will ask those men to move." "You hear what the lady says," said the conductor. "Move over to the other side and let her climb over the gate!"—New York Journal.

Fortunes In Flowers.

It is commonly supposed that Mr. Chamberlain is the greatest amateur orchid grower in the world, but this is far from being the case. His collection is worth from $75,000 to $100,000. The collection of the dowager empress of Germany, however, is worth nearly double that of Mr. Chamberlain. Miss Alice Rothschild is a most enthusiastic horticulturist, her collection of roses alone being valued at $50,000. The Archduke Joseph of Austria owns $200,000 worth of flowers. W. W. Astor recently paid $6,000 to an English grower for the stock of a single variety of rose tree.

This Is a Mechanical Age.

Mrs. Brown (at Mrs. Smith's tea)—Oh, dear, that dreadful Miss Smith is singing again. I wonder what started her?

Tom Brown (aged 7)—I dropped a penny down her back when she wasn't looking.—London Fun.

STORY WITHOUT END.

MYSTERY OF TWO BEINGS WHO CROSSED THE NARRATOR'S PATH.

The Handsome Young Pathan Prisoner Whose Knife Was Stained With Blood, The Young Girl Who Presented a Silver Ring—Were the Two Connected?

It was on the 2d of January, 1879, that General Roberts left Hazar Pir Ziarat to subdue the Khost district, an unsophisticated country where the revenue had hitherto been collected in copper, and up to this date the semblance of the rupee had not been known.

Hazar Pir Ziarat (the shrine of a thousand saints—literally old men) was hardly even a village, and only the day preceding some six or seven had been added to the number of saints, as a batch of murderous marauders had been executed, and dying in the faith, shouting the fatmah and acknowledging nothing but piety in their attempts on infidel life, their corpses had doubtless rendered their graves sanctified ground, and so added to the Ziarat—in these parts a holy grove, generally of olive, to fell which is desecration.

As the Tenth hussars spread cheerily into order covering the advance, their bright pouch belt buckles (the last glitter left after even stirrups had been dulled) sparkling in the bright sunlight as they threaded among the camel thorn sprinkled over the plain, the writer diverged from the advance, having to convoy with a small escort of cavalry and infantry a long train of some 900 empty camels ordered to the advance base to fill up with supplies. My way lay among hills bordering the right bank of the Kurrum river, and I soon lost sight of the force moving on Matoun and finished the day's march without any adventure. On the 3d of January the incidents befell which I now seek to narrate.

In a lonely valley a party of my Sikh infantry brought before me a Pathan prisoner, saying: "Here is a man who has been caught concealing his arms. It has been ordered by General Roberts that all such shall be dispatched. May we kill him?"

Now, this was a hard saying.

The young man appeared by his headgear to be a Waziri, a not unfriendly tribe, which, however, furnished not a few lawless depredators. His only arm was the long Afghan knife, necessary for his own protection perhaps, and in the cold weather it appeared not unnatural that he should wrap himself in his thin outer colored scarf, worn somewhat after the fashion of a plaid. His face was handsome, open and fearless, but such was the mien of all Afghans—often seen on the most cold blooded fiends.

I could not, however, though determined to fulfill the spirit of instructions, at once hand him over to the bayonet, and, saying, "Oh, his knife is only for harmless use or protection," I took it from him and drew it. It was thickly coated with fairly fresh blood.

For a moment I could have handed him over to death, but reason told me that this was no additional evidence of murder. He might have slain a goat or sheep, he might have met an enemy in fair fight—questions of course were useless. Finally, with some misgivings as to whether I was strictly obeying orders and amid the scowls and murmurs of the Sikhs, who were quite strange to my command, I gave the young man back his knife and sent him on his way.

He left gracefully and courteously, showing neither in his smiling face nor in his elastic gait one single sign of guilt or fear, and soon his erect figure was lost to my view over the brow of a low hill.

Some hours of march followed, and the care of massing the long, unwieldy line of camels in a column on each small plain, before again filing the next pass, a precaution necessary to enable my rear guard to be within hail in case of attack on so tempting and easy a prey, fully absorbed me and drove the preceding incident clean from my head.

Suddenly I became aware of a young Pathan girl running beside my horse and holding up to me a silver ring set with a turquoise. This seemed to me a very unusual act from a Mussulman and a Pathan, where seclusion is so strictly the rule, and I had no idea as to the meaning she wished to convey, my Pushtoo being unequal to the dialect she spoke, and indeed scanty enough at all times. However, seeing that I was meant to take the ring, I did so, the girl, about 17, showing that she meant I should take it from her. Even then she made no effort to leave, and so, imagining perhaps that she wanted money for some purpose, I offered her a few rupees, which she refused petulantly. I turned to the Hindoo sowars who rode behind me and asked what it all meant, but they only laughed unpleasantly, as if to say, "What can a Mussulman and a woman mean except what is contemptible?" so that, angry at their scorn and possible misconceptions, I flung the girl back her ring and bade her begone. She left, muttering and apparently still anxious to explain, but a troop of horsemen now appeared on the plain, and whirling their long lances round their heads cantered shouting toward us. The Sikh infantry closed their files and prepared to receive them, and I went forward to reconnoiter them more closely.

They turned out to be a friendly "jirgah," or deputation, seeking General Roberts, but this fresh incident drove the last again from my thoughts, and later on I concluded my march without further befalling.

It was not till weeks after that I thought of connecting the act of the girl with a possible wish to express gratitude for the husband or lover who had such a narrow escape at my hands. But I never heard any further explanation, nor did those who knew best the Afghan character think this interpretation a likely one.

I suppose I shall never know more of the two beings who on that day only literally crossed my path.—United Service Magazine.

For Boys' Guidance.

"Don't be deluded into the belief that it is smart to know things that you wouldn't like to tell your mother," writes Ruth Ashmore in The Ladies' Home Journal. "Don't think it is smart to listen to stories that are not nice, and which are about women. Gentlemen never unite in deriding women. That is a peculiarity of cads. Never read a book that you could not share with your sister, and never look at a picture that might not be framed and hung in her room. What, you think somebody will call you 'girly?' Oh, no, my dear boy! If anything is said about your conduct, there will be approbation given you, and the chances are that the older man will say of that younger one who is properly modest: 'Brown is a nice fellow. I should like him to come and see my daughters.' It is not necessary for you to see the folly of anything. That is an exploded theory. Why should you sow a crop of wild oats? Why not sow a crop of wheat and get a harvest worth having? From day to day, my boy, you make up the story of your life, and it is the little things, the little honest things, that will make you a man, mentally as well as physically."

Reciprocity.

German professors are proverbially absentminded, but none of them more so than Professor Dusel of Bonn. He noticed one day his wife placing a large bouquet on his desk. "What does all that mean?" he asked.

"Why, this is the anniversary of your marriage," replied Mrs. Dusel.

"Is that so? Well, let me know when yours comes round and I'll reciprocate."—German.

London's Public Houses.

The public houses explain a great many of the miseries of the miserable locality. There may be some teetotalers, but there are not many, and there are almost as few drinkers who are always moderate in their libations. The curse of bitter beer, raw Scotch whisky and "tuppenny" gin rests heavy on the place. Public opinion is no weapon against it, for public opinion openly favors drinking whenever one has the necessary money and does not regard actual drunkenness as a disgrace worth mentioning.

Women drink at the bars as unconcernedly as men do, and barmaids serve them. The barroom is the gossip place, and babes and small children are carried to it and kept in it by careful mothers, who gather there for the day's necessary talk. Infants sometimes cry and at such times are permitted a sip from the maternal glass, quite as other children are bribed with chocolate drops. Thus blear eyes and drink reddened faces often have early beginnings. The children on the streets are dirty, ragged and vociferously happy over small things. Adults are not genuinely happy. There is no reason why they should be. They derive much spasmodic merriment from the public houses. Drunkenness and fighting are common everywhere, especially on the streets. During one noon recess I saw three fights develop among the two dozen employees of a box factory. Nor are the combatants always men or boys.—Century.

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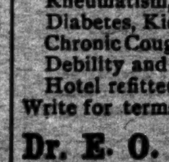

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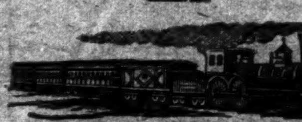

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Trains on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10.25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

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Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.37 p m, Manning 6.55 p m, arrive Lane's 7.37 p m, leave Lanes 8.34 a m, Manning 9.10 a m, arrive Sumter 9.39 a m. Daily.

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Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.18 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.58 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.07 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.23 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.46 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.40 p m, 12.23 p m.

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Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3.50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 8.10 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.10 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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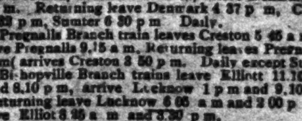

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

Going East 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday Arrive	Going East 3 Leave	Stations.	Going West 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday Arrive	Going West 4 Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 30	Goldsboro	11 25	
....	4 12	Kinston	10 22	
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 27	6 42	Morehead City....	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

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South Bound Daily No. 1.	Main Line.	North Bound
7 45 p. m	Ar...Wilmington....Lv	[illegible]
4 35 "	Lv...Fayetteville ...Ar	1 10
4 18 "	Ar ..Fayetteville ...Lv	1 [illegible]
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	1 27
2 35 "	Lv ....Sanford Lv	[illegible]
2 41 "	Lv......Climax.......Lv	[illegible]
2 10 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	3 15
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 [illegible]
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 10
10 33 "	Lv..Walnut Cove...Lv	4 40
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall...Lv	5 10
8 40 "	Lv......Mt Airy.....Ar	6 3[illegible]

South Bound Daily No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	North Bound Daily
7 52 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	[illegible]
6 17 "	Lv......Maxton......Ar	[illegible] 40
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs....Lv	10 18
4 45 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	1 01
[illegible] 18 "	Lv....Fayetteville...Ar	[illegible] 19

South Bound Daily except Sunday. No. 15, Mixed.	Factory and Madison Branches.	North Bound Daily except Sunday No. 1[illegible] Mixed.
6 00 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 45 a
4 15 "	Lv .....Climax......Lv	8 35
3 20 "	Lv ...Greensboro....Ar	9 30

North Bound.	No. [illegible] Mixed daily ex Sun.
Leave Greensboro........................	[illegible] 30 a
Leave Stokesdale.........................	10 47
Arrive Madison............................	11 55

South Bound.	No. 15 Mixed. daily ex Sun.
Leave Madison............................	12 30
Leave Stokesdale.........................	1 28
Arrive Greensboro........................	2 40

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WEST AND SOUTH.

April 5th, 1896.		No 41	No [illegible]
Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	P. M. *3 20	[illegible]
Arrive Maxton	"	6 13	[illegible]
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 5[illegible]	[illegible]
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	*9 1[illegible]
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	[illegible]
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	[illegible]
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	[illegible]
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	[illegible]
Arrive Lincolnton	"		[illegible]
Arrive Shelby	"		[illegible]
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		[illegible]
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	A. M. †9 25	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 4[illegible]	
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		P. M. [illegible]
" Kollock			[illegible]
" Osborne			[illegible]
Arrive Hamlet	"		[illegible]
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	*3 20	
" Monroe	"	9 05	A. M. [illegible]
Arrive Chester	"	10 33	[illegible]
" Clinton	"	11 58	[illegible]
" Greenwood	"	A. M. 1 00	[illegible]
" Abbeville	"	1 32	[illegible]
" Elberton	"	2 36	[illegible]
" Athens	"	3 36	[illegible]
" Atlanta	"	5 2[illegible]	[illegible]
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	P. M. 4 10	
" New Orleans		*8 30	
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	A. M. *10 00	P. M. [illegible]
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	A. M. *9 35	P. M. [illegible]
Arrive Macon	M. & N.		P. M. [illegible]

EAST AND NORTH.

April 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L		P. M. *3 20
Arrive Hamlet	"	A. M. *8 15	6 [illegible]
Leave Hamlet	"	9 15	10 [illegible]
Arrive Southern Pines	"		11 [illegible]
" Raleigh	"	11 26	1 21
" Henderson	"	P. M. 1 0[illegible]	
" Weldon	"	*3 00	*4 05
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L.	P. M. *5 50	A. M. *7 30
" Norfolk	"	6 00	7 50
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L.	P. M. *6 40	A. M. *6 40
" Washington	P. R. R.	11 10	10 45
" Baltimore	"	A. M. 12 4[illegible]	P. M. 12 05
" Philadelphia	"	3 45	2 20
" New York	"	*6 53	*4 53

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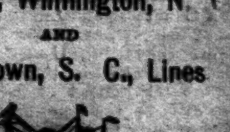

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KEY WEST EXCITED.

A Great Cuban Meeting—Anti-Spanish Demonstration at Tampa.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., December 12.—There was great excitement upon the dock upon the arrival of the steamer Olivette to-night. Passengers claim there is absolutely no truth in the report of Maceo's death. Crowds gathered in front of the telegraph office eager to hear one word of encouragement. There will be a great Cuban meeting at San Carlos to night. It is reported that a committee will be sent over to Havana Tuesday night to get at the truth of the report of Maceo's death.

TAMPA, FLA., December 12.—The Cubans assembled in Ybor City to-night to make an anti-Spanish demonstration. It was reported that the Spanish citizens of Tampa were making preparations to celebrate the death of Maceo and the Cubans determined that it should not be done. Whether the Spanish intended such a thing or not, the fact remains that it was done. The Cubans were so ugly that Acting Marshal Jones massed the police force at that point, which probably prevented any hostile demonstrations.

THE KILLING OF MACEO.

Alleged to Have Been Assassinated Under Cover of a Flag of Truce—Congress Will Probably Make Inquiry Into the Matter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 12.—The news of the alleged assassination of Maceo under the cover of what was practically a flag of truce is accepted as true at the Cuban Legation here, and was received with a thrill of horror by Congressmen who learned of it. If authentic information of Mr. Huaus' story should be received from acting Consul General Springer in Havana some immediate action from Congress may be looked for in the coming week. There are facts in Huaus' story which, as the Cubans here believe, fit in with previous reports and make them intelligible. It was regarded as incomprehensible that a rough-and-tumble fighter like Maceo should be found killed in silk underwear with all his jewelry on his person. But if he was riding out for a party, nothing would be more natural for a Cuban than to attire himself in his most gorgeous array. Resolutions of inquiry on the subject will probably be introduced in one or both Houses of Congress Monday next.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

The Visible Supply of Cotton—Crop in Sight—New York Sun's Review of the Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 3 898 716 bales, of which 3,589,516 are American, against 3,906,690 bales and 3 540,490 respectively last year. Receipts of cotton this week at all interior towns 215 717 bales. Receipts from the plantations 380,719 bales. Crop in sight 5 291 756 bales.

The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here was unchanged, with sales of 65 bales for spinning. Middling uplands 7⅝ cents, against 8 9 16 cents last year; New Orleans and Gulf 7⅞ cents, against 8 13 16 cents last year.

The speculation to-day was a small affair. The trading was dull and featureless and almost entirely local. The Liverpool news was better than had been expected, cables from that market reporting an advance in futures and a good demand on the spot, but the indications pointed to an increased movement to the ports this week, which led weak longs to sell and before the close there was a slight rally, some months closing unchanged from last night's final quotations. The port receipts for the week are estimated at 270 000 to 275 000, against 167,000 last week. Many contend that the interior movement this week will show a decided falling off, but in view of the increased movement to the ports there is little disposition to support prices. The worst feature of the situation at present is the absence of an outside demand.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat and Corn Closed Higher—Oats Declined—Pork Products Closed at Higher Prices.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 12.—The week came to a conclusion in the wheat market with prices firm and higher and with the talent inclined to favor the bull side. May wheat opened from 80¼c to 80⅛c, advanced to 80⅝c, closing at 80⅝@80¾c—1c higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was firm and 1c per bushel higher.

May corn opened at 26c, sold between 26¼ and 25⅞@25⅞c, closing at 25⅞—a shade under yesterday. Cash corn was steady.

May oats closed ⅛c lower. Cash oats were steady to ⅛c per bushel lower than yesterday.

Provisions—A fair business was transacted in product, with values displaying some firmness in response to an advance in hog prices. The grain markets likewise extended assistance. At the close May pork and ribs were each 5c higher and May lard 2½@5c higher.

Representative Wm. F. Aldrich, of the Fourth Alabama district, has served notice of contest of the election of Representative-elect Plowman. Mr. Aldrich alleges that Plowman's majority of 8 000 was obtained through fraud and ballot box stuffing.

Ex-Congressman John M. Brower, Republican, of Mount Airy, has decided to enter the race for United States Senator. He thinks the Populists will not support Pritchard for re-election. Brower is a shrewd politician and proposes to enter the fight to win.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 12.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 82½. Spirits turpentine quiet at 27@27½c.

CHARLESTON, December 12.—Spirits turpentine firm at 24½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; A, B, C, D, E $1 40, F G $1 45, H $1 55, I, $1 60, K $1 65, M $1 80, N $2 00, W G $2 25, W W $2 55.

SAVANNAH, December 12.—Spirits turpentine steady at 25c; sales 100 casks; receipts 776 casks. Rosin—market firm, and unchanged; sales 1,500 barrels; receipts 3,464 barrels.

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MACEO WAS MURDERED.

BETRAYED INTO THE HANDS OF THE SPANIARDS AND BRUTALLY BUTCHERED.

Premeditated Assassination—A Price Put Upon His Head by the Spanish Authorities—Cuban Patriots Desperate in Their Determination to Make More Persistent Their Fight for Freedom.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., December 12.—The *Constitution's* Key West special gives the following account of Maceo's death, indicating his betrayal and implicating Dr. Zertucha:

"Your correspondent is now enabled to state, upon the most undoubted authority, that the death of General Maceo was a premeditated assassination, and that the failure to produce his body is because its mutilated condition would shock even Spanish officials' sensibilities. It seems that Gen. Maceo had planned a successful crossing of the trocha, and that, taking the sea route with a body-guard, he was to rejoin his forces east of Mariel. This was accomplished in safety and while standing alone, within sight of a line of skirmishers, the General was shot down by men in hiding, who were awaiting their victim. His body, so far as Spanish reports go, at once disappeared, but the truth is that it was hacked up by the assassins, who exhausted every indignity of which brutal minds are capable.

"It has been well known for a year past that there was a price set upon Maceo's head and that Captain General Weyler looked toward assassination and not military triumph for victory. His first official act was to give recognition to the Plateados, bands of freebooters whom his predecessors punished as severely as did the Cubans. These men, following in the wake of both armies, would murder and when chased down by the indignant Cubans, would find protection within Spanish lines, whilst the latter would officially deny all knowledge of the murderers. But a few weeks ago a band of these men attacked a convent in the province of Puerto Principe, which was filled with young girls who were most shamefully abused. Some of these men were caught by Gen. Lacret, the insurgent leader, and executed, while the greater part of them found protection within Spanish lines. Although the enormity of their crime was known and their victims were convent school girls, the criminals were protected from molestation and are to-day free. These are the men whom Gen Weyler has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to attach to his cause, and through them he has ordered the killing of foreigners whom he dared not call up in court. To them he has made offers of reward for the assassination of insurgent leaders.

For three weeks it has been known in Havana that a bribe was out for the murder of Gen. Maceo. It was to the effect that he held the ticket which called for the grand prize of $50,000 in the Havana lottery. He did not care to call for the cashing of this cleverly arranged bribe; and then it was upon the departure of Gen. Weyler for the hills several days ago, that it was bruited about that the man who killed Maceo could have the prize.

"The story of Maceo's death, as told from official sources, sustains fully the theory of assassination. Gen. Maceo instead of crossing the trocha directly with his men, was, through some covert influence, induced to pass Mariel in a boat, and to reach his forces on the east side of the death line. There, everything was in readiness by the conspirators, and the brave leader fell a victim to the trap into which he had walked.

"How singular it is that Spaniards, who usually kill every one in sight, should have been considerate enough to have allowed Maceo's physician, Maximo Zertucha, to surrender. Instead of putting him in chains and rushing him off to a dungeon he is treated with distinction, is paraded before newspaper correspondents, and has that freedom of speech which is a novelty in Cuba.

"The depression into which the Cubans were thrown upon the announcement of Maceo's death, now that the fact of his cowardly assassination is confirmed, has changed to that of desperate determination and will make even more persistent their fight for freedom. Maceo's assassination is pointed out as conclusive evidence that Spain is still a stranger to civilized methods, and the lesson drawn therefrom by Cubans is that they might as well die with their faces to the foe as become the victims of assassination."

CINCINNATI, O., December 12—The Scripps-McRae League correspondents at Jacksonville, Fla., wired the *Post* to-day as follows:

This city was thrown into great excitement by the news this afternoon that the patriots had admitted the correctness of the report that the brave leader Antonio Maceo had been butchered. C. M. DeHuahu, chief of the Florida Cuban Junta, gave out the following to the correspondent:

"A letter received by a prominent Cuban in this city gives the detailed account of the assassination of General Maceo and the entire staff, with the exception of Dr. Zertucha, who was Maceo's physician. The letter came from a reliable source in Havana, but the correspondent's name is withheld for the obvious reason," said Mr. DeHuhua, "that the writer would be shot within an hour by the Spanish authorities if they knew who gave away the details of one of the most horrible atrocities ever chronicled in modern warfare. From the letter it appears that the Marquis of Ahumeda, who officiated as Captain General of Cuba during Weyler's absence in the field, sent a letter to General Maceo, inviting the Cuban leader to a conference. Maceo never for a moment thinking that treachery was intended, especially as the invitation came from such a prominent Spaniard as the Marquis of Ahumeda, immediately returned an answer saying that he would be glad to meet the Spanish General, and only accompanied by his staff he went to the rendezvous, little dreaming of the awful fate in store for him. On arrival at the trocha the Spanish soldiers there, acting under orders, actually saluted the rebel chieftain as he passed and after reaching the rendezvous, the Cuban leader was surprised to see, instead of the Marquis of Ahumeda, a large body of Spanish soldiers, who seemed to come from every side. The actions of the Spanish troops were so suspicious that Maceo felt that they had him cruelly trapped, and his suspicions were confirmed when a peremptory order came from a mounted officer to surrender. "Never," was the reply, and hardly had the words been uttered when volley after volley was poured into the little band of patriots, who, although hemmed in on all sides and outnumbered almost one hundred to one, stuck spurs to their horses and with cries of "Cuba libre!" rode gallantly to their death.

Maceo is reported to have fallen at the first fire with a bullet through his head, breaking his jaw. Another hit him in the stomach. Both were fatal. Gomez was the next to fall and in a few moments a number of bloody corpses, shot almost beyond recognition, were all that remained of the gallant Cubans who trusted to Spanish honor. Only one member of the staff escaped, and that was Dr. Zertucha. The latter says the corpses were buried on the field and every precaution made to keep the details from being made public.

NEW YORK, December 12.—The Cuban Junta in this city received the following telegram from their Jacksonville agent, J. A. Huahe, this afternoon: "Received letter from Havana confirming death of Maceo and staff by a combination between Marquis Ahumeda, second in command to Gen. Weyler and Dr. Zertucha. They were murdered."

Delegate Estrada Palma after the receipt of the above dictated a statement for the press as follows:

"The news does not surprise me, because the first reports were so contradictory that they read like a mystery. I was inclined to believe that the news was false at first, but Gen. Maceo is dead and it was through the assassin's knife, it seems now, that he has been murdered."

"Gen. Weyler, in addressing the crowd from the balcony of the palace, seemed anxious to shirk the credit for the responsibility of Maceo's death when he said that the victory was clearly due to Ahumeda. Perhaps his conscience begins to feel remorse. This very act of the Spanish General proves the straits of the Spanish army. They must resort to treachery. They did not face Maceo. They stabbed him in the back. Let me ask where is the Spanish chivalry of which they boast so much?"

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 12.—J. A. Huau, the agent of the Cuban Junta here, has received a letter from Havana which confirms the report of the death of Antonio Maceo, but also indicates that the Cuban leader was the victim of a treacherous plot formed by his own physician, Dr. Zertucha, and the Marquis de Ahumeda, who acts as Captain General of Havana when Weyler is absent in the field. The letter, which was written by a prominent citizen of Havana, whose name is withheld in order that he may not fall under the displeasure of the Spanish authorities, is as follows:

"*Havana*, December 9.—Dear Friend Justo: We are at present under the sad impression caused by the death of our brave General, Antonio Maceo, murdered together with the greater part of his staff, by the Spaniards, acting under the assassin, Major Cirujeda, and as instrumental in this horrible drama, Maceo's second surgeon, Dr. Maximo Zertucha.

"Convinced as Weyler was that notwithstanding his enmity he could do nothing against our gallant leader, who also repeatedly defeated the Spanish General's army in Pinar del Rio, he conceived the idea of appeasing his beastly instincts by cold-blooded murder, and making the best of the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha and the Marquis of Ahumeda, he planned with the latter his hellish scheme. Weyler took the field, and in his absence Ahamada proposed, through Zertucha, a conference with Maceo, to take place at a certain point in province of Havana with a view of arranging plans for the cessation of hostilities on the basis of Cuba's independence and a monetary indemnity to Spain with, moreover, certain advantages that would be agreed upon for Spanish commerce and Spanish capital here invested. To carry out the plans, orders had been given to the detachments of troops at the trocha, in the section between Mariel and Ganajay, to allow Maceo, with his staff, to pass the military line unmolested.

"This combination took time to mature and to give them all semblance of truth, Ahumeda feigned that before acting he must make known his plans to Weyler for his previous approval, and this explains the sudden arrival of Weyler at Havana and his prompt return to Pinar del Rio. Having arranged the conditions and place of the meeting, Maceo crossed the trocha over the road to Guanajay without being molested by the forts, but once arrived at the place decided upon, he and his party were greeted by a tremendous volley from the forces under Major Cirujeda, lying conveniently in ambush.

"Most of the officers of his staff fell with Gen. Maceo. Zertucha is alive because he was aware of the scheme and remained in the rear. The Spaniards know where the bodies lie, but are bent on feigning ignorance to blot out the vestiges of the crime.

"Havana and all Spain are rejoicing because in the midst of their stupidity they hope that the war may end with the death of this gallant leader. Far from this, the spirit of the Cubans has grown more ardent, and to-day the latter are resolved to make every sacrifice before laying down their arms to the relentless tyrants; and in this very province of Havana, where our army is less numerous and of less means of defence, the Cubans are operating with greater activity than ever, and not a day passes but that we do not hear in this city the firing on Guanabacoa.

Speaking of the letter, Mr Huau said: "Maceo is dead, but Cuba will live long. The death of no one man can crush the brave spirit of the patriots of Cuba who are fighting gallantly for liberty. Maceo was not killed fairly or in honest battle, but through the murderous treachery of his physician, Dr. Zertucha, and the acting Captain General of Cuba, the Marquis Ahumeda. Thirty four members of his staff were murdered with him, every man of the staff with the exception of the treacherous physician. The Spaniards say," added Mr. Huau, "that they do not know where Maceo's body is. They know full well. They have buried it to cover their treachery to a degree, and will exhume it soon and say: 'Ah, here is the body of Maceo.' From this day Cuba will fight harder than ever before. This will be a sad day for Spain. I do not know who will succeed Maceo," said Mr. Huau, "but I think it will be Rios Rivera, a brave and intelligent soldier."

MADRID, December 12.—The killing of Maceo is likely to result in promotion and other honors for Major Cirujeda. Queen Regent Christiana to-day received Major Cirujeda's wife and eldest son. The Queen Regent showed by her conversation that she appreciated fully the gain that had accrued to Spain through the death of Maceo and spoke warmly in praise of Major Cirujeda's bravery in attacking a largely superior force of rebels. She promised to undertake the expenses of the education of Major Cirujeda's son.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Report of the Commissioner Showing Receipts from All Sources.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 12.—The very voluminous report of Jos. S. Miller, until recently Commissioner of Internal Revenue, was made public to-day. The receipts for the year ended June 30, 1896, were $146,830,615, an increase of $3,584,538 over the receipts for the preceding year. For the current fiscal year the commissioner estimates that the receipts will aggregate $150,000,900. Compared with the receipts for the previous year, the receipts of the bureau on the several objects of internal taxation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, were as follows: Spirits $80,670,070, increase $807,445; tobacco $38,711,629, increase $1,006,721; fermented liquors $33,784,235, increase $2,143,617; oleomargarine, $1,219,432, decrease $189,778; bankers, banks, etc., $134 (first assessment); miscellaneous, including penalties, opium for smoking and playing cards, $445,113, a decrease of $183,600.

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CUBANS DISBELIEVE

The Published Reports of Maceo's Death—The Evidence Too Weak—Elated Over Cleveland's Message and the Resolutions Presented in Congress.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 12, VIA KEY WEST, FLA.—The Cubans disbelieve Maceo's death. The evidence is too weak. Zertucha's testimony shows many contradictions. He has made different statements. No faith is made in declarations made by those who surrender. It is known they will declare anything to save life. It is publicly declared that Maceo crossed the trocha by sea. Privately, it is said he crossed by the Canas estate near Mariel and made a bold dash across the line with a few followers, firing on pickets. It is added it was Maceo's intention to cross the trocha and organize the forces in Havana province similar to those in Pinar del Rio, now perfectly distributed, comprising 12,000 men, well armed and provisioned and commanded by Rios Rivera. If this is true it will destroy the rumors in circulation. One story says Maceo was left alone in the centre of the staff, and another that Maceo fell leading the charge. According to Zertucha's story it would have been impossible for Gomez's son to write a pencil note declaring Maceo had been killed. It is surprising that Zertucha is ignorant of Maceo's burial place. On the whole, all stories of Maceo's death are confusing. The evidence adduced so far is not strong enough to convince people of Maceo's death. Many believe he is still in Pinar del Rio. Others say his crossing the trocha means defeat, and gives reason for Weyler to boast he pushed him out of the province and pacified the same. Others think it is only a scheme to create a big sensation here and in Spain and divert attention from the effect of Cleveland's message, with the possible view of making concessions to the rebels at once, as the leader of the alleged negro movement has disappeared. This would not be possible if Maceo existed, on account of the Spaniards' tremendous hatred of Maceo's personality. Many reasons are given for this version. Well informed persons say the palace officials had been predicting a great event for December 7th. It is a notable coincidence that Maceo's death occurred on the same day that Cleveland gave his message. It is also remarkable that the body is still unfound.

Spanish sentiment is divided in Havana. Many still doubt. Maceo has been killed so often they cannot believe it. There has been no popular demonstration in honor of the alleged death of Maceo yet. Opinion is also divided as to the honor of the event. Some give credit to Weyler and others to Cirujada. A majority give credit to Weyler. The majority of Spaniards ridicule the story of Maceo crossing the trocha in a boat and say it is told openly to maintain the integrity of the trocha and prevent Arolas committing suicide, as he threatened if Maceo crossed.

Weyler's movement was spectacular. All was prepared to create an impression and wipe out ill feeling among the Spaniards of failure in Pinar del Rio. Although many people were in the streets, there was no real enthusiasm. The crowd cheered mostly for Spain and the army, a few for Weyler and Cirujada. At the palace there was some excitement when Weyler spoke from the balcony. Soon the crowd dissolved and the city took on the usual quiet aspect. It seems some fears were entertained of a demonstration against the United States consulate, as soldiers were stationed around the building, but nothing happened.

Communication is difficult and no information is obtainable of real movements. There are only rumors. It is said Gomez is steadily advancing and is now near Matanzas province. It is also reported that large masses of rebels are pouring into Havana province. All wires are cut between Matanzas and Havana.

The Cubans are elated over Cleveland's message and the resolutions presented to Congress. All expect a prompt termination in their favor of the terrible war now destroying the island.

LYNCHERS FOILED

In an Attempt on the Jail at Woodstock, Virginia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, Dec. 12.—A Woodstock special to the *Dispatch* says: A mob of about half a hundred men visited the jail here last night for the purpose of lynching Elmer Weatherholz. The mob directed three of their number to search the jail, after the jailor had explained that the prisoner had been removed. This being done and the searchers not finding Weatherholz, the mob left. Yesterday evening Sheriff Wightman, fearing violence, secretly removed Weatherholz to the county clerk's office, just across the street from the jail, and there Deputy Sheriff Zeirkle and special guards Hoshour and Gillock were guarding him until this morning, when the case for an attempt to murder his mother-in-law was to be heard. How this became known to the mob is unknown, but they commenced to batter down the iron shutter over the door of the office with an axe. Special guard Hoshour, who for a number of years was a special police officer in Green's Hotel, Philadelphia, gave command to a sham military company to form, load and aim, which created an impression on the minds of mob, of the presence of militia. In the meantime Sheriff Wightman escaped with the prisoner through a window in the rear room, and hid him for some time in a near by barn. The mob dispersed and the prisoner was brought back to the clerk's office. Company A, Anderson Guards, were quickly called out, and under Captain J. W. Magruder, guarded the court house until 7 o'clock this morning. In the court this morning when the case was called Judge Newman instructed Commonwealth's Attorney Baker to spare no effort to bring the offenders to justice. The militia will guard the jail to night.

THE BRYAN LEAGUE.

Invited Guests and Speakers for the Banquet to Be Given in Chicago.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 12.—The list of invited guests and speakers for the national banquet to be given by the Bryan League of Cook county in January was completed to-day at a meeting of the arrangement committee. It includes Governors Altgeld, Stone and Matthews; United States Senators Allen (of Nebraska), Tillman, L. E. Mantle, White, Blackburn, Jas. K. Jones, Marion Butler, Cannon, Dubois and Teller; Vice President Stevenson, W. R. Hearst, New York *Journal;* Representatives C. A. Towne of Minnesota, Sulzer of New York, Hartmann of Montana, and Bland of Missouri; D. B. Shiveley, late Democratic nominee for Governor of Indiana; Jno. C. Shehan, New York Tammany leader; Daniel J. Campau, Detroit; George Fred. Williams, Boston; Chas. A. Walsh, Iowa, Secretary of the Democratic National Committee; Rev. Father Nugent, Iowa; John R. McLean, Cincinnati; ex-Gov. Boies, Iowa; ex-Senator Patrick Walsh, Augusta, Ga. Wm. J. Bryan has already accepted.

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VENEZUELA TREATY.

Ex-Minister Michelana's Attack Purely a Political Movement Against Crespo.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 12.—It is ascertained from official sources that every detail of the proposed Venezuelan treaty was communicated to Senor Andrade, the Venezuelan minister, before he left Washington, and was by him cabled to President Crespo, at Caracas, and the approval of the Venezuelan Government was obtained by cable before Mr. Andrade started on his purely perfunctory mission of carrying over a copy. The statement in these dispatches yesterday that ex-Minister Michelana's attack on the treaty was purely a political move directed against Crespo is confirmed by dispatches received from Caracas to-day. Michelana is described as "always pestiferous" and it is stated that his efforts have fallen flat and will fail.

WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: Coin, $121.587,497; currency, $45 588,158.

Advices from Jackson, Miss., report the lynching of two cattle thieves near that place by armed white men.

Gen. Fitz Lee did not sail on the Ward line steamer Orizaba yesterday, as expected. It is believed he will leave for Cuba next Tuesday.

The General Assembly of Georgia by a rising vote extended a cordial welcome to Hon. William J. Bryan on the occasion of his approaching visit to Georgia.

C. H. Over & Co., and Mannig, Hart & Co., window glass manufacturers, of Muncie, Ind., employing nearly 1,000 men, resumed work last night after six months idleness.

A telegram from Urbana, Ohio, says the Urbana school, said to be the finest building of the kind in the State, was completely destroyed by fire. It cost $80 000; insured for $80,000

The Brown Bros. Tobacco Company, whose factory was destroyed by fire at Winston, will resume business Monday in another building, giving employment to over four hundred hands.

Receivers of the Merchants' Bank, Atlanta, Ga., announce that they will pay thirty per cent. to creditors on next Tuesday. The receivers say they will pay every dollar the bank owes in time.

Teddy Hale won the bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, New York city, breaking all records in the six days' contest. He crossed the finish line with 1,910 miles and 80 laps to his credit.

A special to the Charleston *News and Courier* from Georgetown, S. C., says it is currently reported that President Cleveland will leave Washington Sunday and come to Georgetown for a ducking trip.

Alonzo Walling must die with Scott Jackson for the murder of Pearl Bryan at Covington, Ky. The Court of Appeals has refused to grant Walling a new trial, and the sentence of death of the Campbell county Circuit Court was affirmed.

The former filibustering steamer Laurada, from Messina for American ports, has been sighted off Valencia, Spain, where it is her intention to complete her cargo. It is believed that the steamer will be prohibited from entering that port.

The steam yacht Advance, suspected by the Government and Spanish authorities of filibustering intentions left Norfolk Friday night, bound southward by the inside passage. She had aboard Mr. Geo. Reno a correspondent of the New York *Herald*.

The Pamunkey Indians, through their chief, Bradby, paid their annual tribute to the Governor of Virginia in the shape of a fine deer and a string of ducks. The Governor insisted upon making acknowledgement of the tribute in the way of a check.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost and Found Wants, and other short miscellaneous advertisements inserted in this Department, in leaded Nonpareil type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

Notice—Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next session of the General Assembly of North Carolina to extend and to amend the Charter of the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington, Jas H Chadbourn, Jr., President. dec 13 4t

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Apply to the undersigned for Rice Straw, in small or large lots, to be delivered in Wilmington. F. M. Moore, Phoenix, N. C. dec 9 5t*

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WANTED—Position as Porter in dry goods or grocery store, by a colored man who has had experience and can give good references. Address J. B., care STAR Office. x

WANTED—Position with salary about $35, with chance of promotion. Would like travelling if expenses were paid. F. W. D., Halifax, N. C., Box 11. With or without board. References in Wilmington x

WANTED—Position by young man. Experience in groceries and merchandise. Good collector. References. Address, Workman, care of F. A. Montgomery, Second and Castle streets. x

WANTED—Work of any kind. Am willing to work and need employment at once. J. C. Bowden, 114 North Seventh street, Wilmington, N. C. Dec. 12th, 1896. x

WANTED—A position as salesman in store or on road. Have had three years experience. Can furnish as good reference as any young man. Strictly sober. Address Push, Maxton, N. C. x

WANTED—A position as grocery or dry goods salesman. Can furnish good reference. Strictly sober. Address Clerk, Maxton, N. C. x

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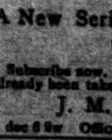

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NOTICE.

Foreclosure Sale of Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, in the cause therein pending wherein Thomas J. Gore is plaintiff and E. W. Hewlett and wife Fannie F. Hewlett are defendants, made at the September term, 1896 the undersigned Commissioner therein appointed will expose for sale, at the Court House door, on Friday, the 8th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., to the highest bidder, at public auction, for cash, all that lot of land in the City of Wilmington, N. C., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the northern line of Dock street 110 feet west of the northwestern intersection of Eighth and Dock streets and running thence westwardly along the said northern line of Dock street 44 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Eighth street 130 feet; thence eastwardly parallel with Dock street 44 feet, and thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 130 feet to Dock street, the beginning; the same being part of lots 4 and 5 in Block 153, in the City of Wilmington; and the same conveyed by mortgage to the plaintiff by the defendants which is recorded at pages 544 et seq. of Book No. 12 of the Records in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover county, N. C. This the 8th day of December, 1896.

JOHN G. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

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Don't You Believe It

I HAVE NOT CLOSED UP MY PLACE OF business, nor do I intend to do so, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. I am gaining new customers every day, but there is room for a few more, and I hope, by keeping good workmen and doing everything to please, to merit the patronage of a fair number of the good people of this city. Shaving 10c.

Respectfully,

A. PREMPERT,

No. 11 South Front street

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CABBAGE PLANTS.

500,000 Cabbage Plants

FROM PETER HENDERSON'S AND GEO. TATE & SONS' SEEDS, for sale by

N. B. DAWSON, Conetoe, N. C.

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